

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, KS**

May 31, 2022

Commission met for payday and other business at 9:00 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. David Mueller, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Comm. Randy Dallke joined the session at 9:10 a.m. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the Press.

2021 AUDIT REPORT: April Swartz, Varney & Associates presented the 2021 audit. There were no adverse findings.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of March, 2022 has been received in the amount of \$108,791.64.

PAYDAY: A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. The monthly comp time report was reviewed. Gehring moved to approve payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$623.50. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Becker moved to approve payments to Elcon Services in the amount of \$416.25. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Becker moved to approve the grand total payday in the amount of \$1,045,597.65. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Checks #51266-51511, voided ck#51299.)

ADMINISTRATIVE: The quarterly report from Co. Treasurer Susan Berg was reviewed.

- A salary sheet was signed for Marcy Hostetler from \$20.23/hour to \$22.25/hour for Interim Director pay effective 5/16/2022.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of May 23rd. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to rescind Resolution 2021-24 (appointing a voting member and alternate to the South-Central Region Homeland Security Council). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve a letter appointing Marcy Hostetler as Marion County's voting member to the South-Central Region Homeland Security Council, and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A form granting permission for the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) to access County property located at 320 Santa Fe (transfer station) for monitoring purposes was presented for approval. This is due to possible past contamination from when the facility served as an electrical power plant. Becker moved to allow permission to access property located at 320 W. Santa Fe and to authorize the Chairman to sign the form. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the amended Pictometry contract and authorize the Chairman to sign. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.
- Gehring moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the project acceptance from Vance Brothers for the 190th Micro-surfacing. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer presented Marion County, Kansas Uniform Guidance Policies and Procedures for approval. Gehring moved to adopt the Uniform Guidance Policies and Procedures. Dallke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer presented the Marion County Integrated Internal Controls Framework, Policies and Procedures Over Federal Awards for approval. Mueller moved to adopt the framework document. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer presented the Marion County COVID-19 ARPA Premium Pay Policy for review and approval. Mueller moved to approve the Premium Pay Policy. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a change order from Cornejo & Sons, LLC to add full-depth reclamation for the southernmost three miles of the previously approved Indigo Road project in the amount of \$847,480.00. After discussion, Dallke moved to approve the change order and move forward with full-depth reclamation of the south three miles at a cost of \$847,480.00. Gehring seconded and motion carried 3-2 with Mueller and Crofoot opposed.

- Goebel presented the 2023 budget allocation requests for the Road & Bridge department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Register of Deeds Rebecca Wingfield presented her 2023 budget allocation request.

DEPT. ON AGING: Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff presented the 2023 budget allocation request for her department.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance (performance review) pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Ratzlaff present for 10 minutes (until 11:55 a.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Session recessed until 1:00 p.m.

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COMMISSION DISCUSSION – CORONER PAY: A letter from Doctor Don Hodson asked the County to consider increasing the amount paid for coroner calls. Additional information will be gathered prior to a decision.

CO. ATTORNEY: Co. Attorney Joel Ensey presented the 2023 budget allocation request for his department, and requested that Child in Need of Care cases be shifted to the Co. Counselor or a contracted attorney – or that additional compensation be provided to Co. Attorney and staff members for those duties.

AMBULANCE: Dir. Travis Parmley presented the 2023 budget allocation request for his department.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Parmley present for 15 minutes (until 1:37 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Dir. Sharon Omstead presented the 2023 budget allocation for her department.

HEALTH: Dir. Krista Schneider presented the budget allocation request for her department.

- Schneider asked whether the office could be allowed to close during lunch. The consensus of the Board was that the office could close from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily as long as there were no scheduled patients and the public is notified.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board and Jantz present for 10 minutes (until 2:40 p.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Upon return to open session, Mueller moved to purchase property located at 1240 Commercial in Marion for \$160,000.00 subject to inspection and staff review of contract. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for five minutes (until 2:47 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Muller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for 12 minutes (until 3:00 p.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller that the Co. Counselor be directed to draft a policy regarding collection of delinquent taxes from County-paid vendors in accordance with K.S.A. 79-2010 through K.S.A. 79-2013. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

SHERIFF: Co. Sheriff Jeff Soye, Undersheriff Larry Starkey, Communications Supervisor Linda Klenda, Jail Administrator Jim Philpott and Office Manager Sarah Cope joined the session and presented the 2023 budget allocation requests for the Sheriff's Office, Jail, Communications, and E911 departments.

HARVEY/MARION COUNTY CDDO 2023 BUDGET ALLOCATION REQUEST: Kevin Gaeddert presented the 2023 budget allocation request for the CDDO in the amount of \$70,000.00.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Becker commented on the recent school shooting in Texas and asked whether the Commission should facilitate a meeting of school officials/stakeholders in Marion County.

- Dallke noted that the metal from the initial heated dock replacement project is still sitting at the Park & Lake and said it should be used or sold. Becker moved to advertise and sell the metal through a sealed bid process. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk