

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

July 18, 2022

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. David Mueller, Comm. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer, Deputy Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich, Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Becker moved to approve the minutes of July 11 and July 15. Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting 2021 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Mueller moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$59,557.12. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0 (checks # 51757-51763.)
- Gehring moved to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (for the 2023 County budget) at a proposed rate of 75.017 and to schedule the hearing for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer asked the Board for approval to move ahead with budgeted step raises effective 6/21/2022. Crofoot moved to approve a one step raise as budgeted. Mueller seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Dallke opposed.
- A salary sheet was signed for new part-time Dispatcher Amanda Ratzlaff at \$15.36/hour effective 7/12/2022.
- An estimate for 4PC to install additional cable to be available for future access control infrastructure was presented in the amount of \$6,328.67. Gehring moved to approve the work outlined in the estimate. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**CO. TREASURER:** Co. Treasurer Susan Berg was present for a department update. 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, Berg, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 1:16 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Spencer did not stay in the session.) Open session resumed with no action.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Interim Dir. Marcy Hostetler provided an update on department activities.

- Hostetler requested permission to apply for a grant from Central Kansas Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,250.00 to purchase wheel chairs. Mueller moved to proceed with the grant application. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**AMBULANCE:** Interim Dir. Chuck Kenney reported that the State will be here for annual ambulance inspections.

- The annex building remodel was discussed. Dallke moved to drop the ceiling painting portion of the project. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- 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, Jantz, Kenney, and Deputy Clerk Ashley Herpich present for 10 minutes (from 1:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Mueller moved to increase Kenney's pay by 10% for interim director duties. Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller moved to increase the pay for Office Manager Jamie Shirley by 10% during the interim period and to switch from comp time to overtime due to unusual circumstances. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to set Travis Parmley's salary at 80% of the previous wage with a minimum of 32 hours worked each week and to retain benefits. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- 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, Kenney, Jantz, and Herpich present for 17 minutes from 1:43 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller 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, Kenney, Jantz, and Herpich present for 15 minutes (from 2:01 p.m. until 2:16 p.m.). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller 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, Kenney, Jantz, and Herpich present for 14 minutes (from 2:16 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel updated the Board on ongoing and upcoming projects.

- Staffing shortages and difficulties with the public driving around road closed barricades were discussed with no action.

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**CO. COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz presented a release of liability form for use at the transfer station. Dallke moved to approve the form and move forward with use. Gehring 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 and Jantz present for 15 minutes (from 2:55 p.m. until 3:10 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**PERSONNEL DISCUSSION:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review employment applications pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 3:20 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Dallke noted that two individuals are interested in signing properties over to the Land Bank. Jantz suggested that they issue a letter of intent to be considered at the next meeting.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk