

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

July 29, 2022

Commission met in special session at 9:00 a.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. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of May, 2022 has been received in the amount of \$84,937.59.

PAYDAY: Gehring moved to approve payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$932.13. 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 \$2,533.92. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Mueller moved to execute payday in the amount of \$2,384,387.47. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 25th. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- A memo from Co. Attorney Joel Ensey informed the Board of the appointment of Special Prosecutor Laura Viar from July 29th through August 7th while Ensey is on vacation.
- A memo from Ensey also indicated the intent of purchasing a new software suite. The Board had several questions, and asked that Ensey be added to the agenda when he is available for further discussion. No action was taken.
- **Flu shots:** Mueller moved to stay consistent with last year's practice and pay for flu shots for non-insured County employees and their immediate family members. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Flu shots will be offered to all County employees and immediate family members and billed to any applicable health insurance.)

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented area fuel bids for review. Epp's Service was the only bidder:

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Total
1,400 gals.	1,950 gals.	1,950 gals.	
4.079 = \$5,710.60	4.179 = \$8,149.05	4.059 = \$7,915.05	\$21,774.70

Dallke moved to approve the purchase from Epp's Service for all three areas. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- The Board expressed no objection to paying a down payment of \$3,000.00 for the grapple fork approved at the last meeting with the balance due at delivery.
- After discussion, the Board did not move forward with the purchase of a used mini-excavator from Foley/Cat.
- Goebel provided updates on department projects and activities.

AMBULANCE: Interim Dir. Chuck Kenney and Transition Cord. Travis Parmley joined the session. Kenney noted that the pay structure, schedule, and benefits for the department need to be re-evaluated / updated in order to prevent potential dissolution of the service. After discussion, the Board directed Kenney to work with the Co. Clerk's Office to develop budget estimates for increasing wages and potentially decreasing the number of full-time staff (supervisor positions) to help cover the cost. Kenney was also instructed to bring back some proposals for revised scheduling and an updated leave policy that is more in line with industry standards.

- Developing and implementing a broader tuition grant program was discussed.
- Transfers and services provided to hospitals were discussed.
 - Mueller moved to authorize the Interim Director to develop a fee schedule for hospitals to pay when EMS is requested to perform services at any hospital/higher level facility. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
 - Mueller moved for Marion County EMS to bill hospitals for any outgoing transfer from one hospital / facility to another. Gehring seconded and motion carried 3-2 with Becker and Dallke opposed. Becker and Dallke both expressed that they would like the local hospitals to be aware before making a change.
- The Board thanked Kenney and all EMS employees for their service.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk