

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

August 15, 2022

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Amy Soyez expressed concerns about the KDOT traffic study on 140th and noted that the traffic on the road at certain times warrants a surface other than rock.

- Jerry Mendoza expressed concern about the lack of notification of residents when the road was closed for construction. In addition, he expressed concern about accessibility to his home if it rains before the rock is applied to the road.
- Brad Vannocker commented that the base needs work before doing surface work.

ADMINISTRATIVE: A letter of support for TCW for a grant submission for expanded broadband in and around Durham was reviewed. Becker moved to approve. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. The letter was signed by Chr. Mueller.

- The Board agreed that the effective date of the wage change for medical personnel in the EMS department will be 8/21/2022.
- Budgeted transfers were presented for approval. Mueller moved to approve a transfer from R&B Sales Tax (General Fund) to Capital Improvement in the amount of \$106,900.67 and from Road Maintenance & Improvement 7 mill (General Fund) to Capital Improvement in the amount of \$374,152.33. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
 - Mueller moved to approve a transfer from Road & Bridge to Road & Bridge Special Equipment in the amount of \$116,666.66. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.
- A salary sheet was signed for Nicholas Waner, new Transfer Station Worker I at \$2,300.00/mo. effective 8/9/2022.
- Sealed bids for the metal framework being sold at the Park & Lake were opened:
 - Jonah Gehring \$2,800.00
 - Brian Wolfe \$1,525.00

Crofoot moved to accept the high bid from Jonah Gehring in the amount of \$2,800.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest. (Abstention counted with majority prevailing.)

- Revenue Neutral Rate notices were discussed with no action.
- The Board was informed of purchase offers being mailed to Marion County landowners by BCP Land Company.
- ARPA fund balances (allocated and unallocated) were reviewed with no action.

4-H GIFT BASKET PRESENTATION: Extension Agent Tristen Cope and multiple 4-H club members and parents presented gift baskets to the Board. Each basket contained several items prepared by the club members.

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTER: Tristen Cope, Erin Hein, and Matt Stiles were present to update the Board on H4C (Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, Inc.). The project is being developed to help meet the need for more childcare in Marion County, especially infant childcare. The group presented information about the project, timelines, and proposed funding.

CO. ATTORNEY: Co. Attorney Joel Ensey presented information and answered questions about the case management software that was presented previously. The total cost for year one is \$32,000.00. After discussion, Dallke moved to fund \$16,000.00 from sales tax this year and budget the remaining balance to be paid from the Co. Attorney's budget in 2023.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Interim Dir. Marcy Hostetler provided information on when Emergency Management is typically expected to respond on scene.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review applications for the Emergency Management Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, Hostetler, and Spencer present for 20 minutes until 12:27 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented transport fuel bids for approval:

	Tank #3 3,000 gals.	Tank #1 2,000 gals.	Unleaded 3,000 gals.	Total
Epp's Service, Elbing	3.9340	3.6640	3.0490	\$28,277.00
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	4.1325	3.8811	3.1080	\$29,483.70

Becker moved to accept the low bid from Epp's in the amount of \$28,277.00. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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August 15, 2022, Continued

ROAD & BRIDGE, CONTINUED: Contract rock hauling bids are due August 26th and are likely to be in the \$1 Million range.

- After discussion, the Board agreed to submit additional grant applications for 290th (Cost Share and Economic Development Grants and HRRR grants if available later this year). In addition, the Board agreed to pursue Local Bridge Improvement Plan funding for bridges #29 and #30. The Board agreed with Goebel's recommendation for Bridge #198 to be submitted for the Off-System Bridge Program.
- Catie Zurcher and Vicky James joined the session and presented information about the PubWorks program.
- Comm. Dallke left the session at 3:15 p.m.
- After discussion, Crofoot moved to proceed with the recommendation and purchase the PubWorks program and mobile app at a cost of \$17,245.00 and to purchase up to 25 mini-tablets and accessories. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- 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, Goebel, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 3:59 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

CO. COUNSELOR: Interim EMS Dir. Chuck Kenney joined the session. 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, Kenney and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 4:10 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- 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 Spencer present for five minutes until 4:17 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Becker moved to adjourn. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk