

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

August 22, 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, Comm. Jonah Gehring, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Also present were Deputy Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich 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:** There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Salary sheets were signed for EMS Department wage increases effective 8/21/2022 and previously approved by the Board: Matthew Williams, EMT-B from \$12.89/hr. to \$15.26/hr.; Noah Richter, EMT-B from \$13.41/hr. to \$15.26/hr.; Anthony Wyant, EMT-B from \$13.15/hr. to \$15.26/hr.; Alexander Vo, EMT-B from \$12.89/hr. to \$15.26/hr.; Teagan Decker, EMT- B from \$12.89/hr. to \$15.26/hr.; Charles Walker, AEMT from \$14.21/hr. to \$16.21/hr.; Katie Eberle, AEMT from \$14.21/hr. to \$16.81/hr.; Nathan Brunner, AEMT from \$14.49/hr. to \$16.81/hr.; Evan Moore, Paramedic from \$16.45/hr. to \$19.48/hr.; Robert Loos, Paramedic from \$16.45/hr. to \$19.48/hr.; Mickey Price, Paramedic from \$16.78/hr. to \$19.48/hr.; Kelli Olson, Paramedic from \$16.45/hr. to \$19.48/hr.; Kevin Marler, Paramedic from \$16.45/hr. to \$19.48/hr.; Robert Huyett, Paramedic from \$16.45/hr. to \$19.48/hr.; Charles Kenney, increase interim pay due to Paramedic wage increase from \$18.10/hr. to \$21.43/hr. effective 8/21/2022 (to return to \$19.48/hr. when no longer serving as interim director).

- Additional salary sheets were signed: Michella Klenda, change from Personal Property Coordinator to Appraiser II from \$2,586.00/mo. to \$2,662.00/mo. effective 8/21/2022; Michael Hurst, change from Appraiser I to GIS Technician I from \$2,512.00/mo. to \$2,796.00/mo. effective 8/21/2022; Travis Parmley, change from EMS Office Admin/Transition Coordinator to Paramedic from \$4,705.00/mo. to \$19.48/hr. effective 8/21/2022; Kaitlin Kelley, new EMT-B at \$15.26/hr. effective 8/24/2022.
- Change orders affecting 2021 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Crofoot moved to approve the minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Crofoot moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$867,370.89 (check #'s 52010-52013). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller moved to approve applications for Clayton Jantz, Gavin Bennett, and Ian Bennett to participate in a youth hunt (at the former Marion County landfill). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring approved to pay the security camera project from ARP instead of Risk Management. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the Health department building to be purchased out of ARP fund instead of the General Fund. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Dallke opposed.
- The cost / impact to the 2023 budget to provide a five percent cost of living (COLA) raise was reviewed and discussed.
- The Board reviewed a Statistical/Procedural compliance letter from KDOR stating the Appraisers Office successfully completed the appraisal cycle in a satisfactory manner. Mueller thanked the Appraisers Office for a good job.

**2023 BUDGET PREP:** Scot Loyd of the Loyd Group was present via teleconference. Loyd reviewed some changes to the draft budget with the Board.

- Cost of Living raises and pay plan were discussed with no action. Dallke asked for the last five years of cash carry over to compare to the 2023 proposed cash carry over.
- After Loyd left the meeting, the Board continued to discuss options for a COLA raise. Further discussion was tentatively scheduled to occur at a special meeting on Friday August 26, 2022, at which time the budget publication would potentially be approved.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board and Jantz present for 15 minutes until 2:00 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** Dir. Sharon Omstead presented a vacation petition for a portion of Eastshore Road (213<sup>th</sup>) on Block I of the Eastshore Plat. Issues with utility easements were questioned along with two structures not in compliance. After discussion, Gehring moved to table the vacation petition until next week so Jantz can review options with Omstead. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Omstead reminded the Board of the invitation to the Doyle Creek Watershed Joint District public meeting.

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**CO. TREASURER:** Co Treasurer Susan Berg joined the session. 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, and Jantz present for 15 minutes until 2:36 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Berg informed the Board she has only received one bid for reconfiguring the Treasurer's office and is trying to get one more.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a salary sheet for Catherine Zurcher, change from Administrative Specialist I to Administrative Specialist II from \$2,347.00/mo. to \$2,536.00/mo. effective 8/21/2022.

- Upcoming and ongoing projects were discussed.
- Goebel's recommendation for the Off-System Bridge program were discussed for Bridge #198. The Board agreed to apply with the County portion of funding at \$140,000.00.
- For the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement program, the Board agreed to go with Goebel's recommendation to apply for two bridges (#29 and #30) with the County portion of funding at \$40,000.00 (10%) of the total project.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board, Goebel, and Jantz present for 10 minutes until 3:19 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** 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, and EMS Interim Director Charles Kenney (joining by phone) present for 10 minutes until 3:36 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review applications for the Ambulance Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz present for 15 minutes until 3:53 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board and Jantz present for 5 minutes until 4:00 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk