

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

August 26, 2022

Commission met in special session at 8:30 a.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 was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Agenda items included administrative business, budget preparation, and personnel matters including interviews for the Emergency Management Director position.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET PREP:** It was noted that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for payday and other business.

- Dallke moved to accept the minutes of August 22<sup>nd</sup> as presented. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The most recent draft budget and publication were reviewed. Gehring moved to approve and send for publication. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Projected cash balances and cost of living wage adjustment scenarios were reviewed. After discussion, Crofoot moved to include a 5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) in the 2023 budget. Mueller seconded. Additional discussion was held. Upon call for a vote, the motion failed 2-3 with Gehring, Becker, and Dallke opposed. Dallke moved to include a 3% COLA in the 2023 budget. Becker seconded and motion failed 2-3 with Mueller, Gehring, and Crofoot opposed.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS:** An interview panel consisting of Sheriff Jeff Soye, Hillsboro Fire Chief Ben Stetek, Interim Ambulance Dir. Chuck Kenney, and Interim Emergency Management Dir. Marcy Hostetler joined the meeting to conduct interviews for the Emergency Management Director position. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss the interview process and review applications pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, members of the panel, and Spencer present for five minutes from 8:50 until 8:55 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to conduct an employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, members of the panel, and an applicant for 45 minutes from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to recess back into executive session to continue the employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, members of the panel, and the applicant for 10 minutes until 9:59 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to conduct an employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, members of the panel, and an applicant for 45 minutes from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Session recessed for 15 minutes.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session pursuant to conduct an employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, members of the panel, and an applicant for 45 minutes from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to recess into executive session to continue the employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, members of the panel, and the applicant for 10 minutes until 11:58 a.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING:** Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff joined the session. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss a family medical leave request pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Ratzlaff, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 12:13 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to approve intermittent FMLA leave for an eligible employee. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIR. APPLICATION REVIEW:** The interview panel returned to the session. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review applications for the Emergency Management Dir. position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and members of the panel present for 10 minutes until 12:25 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

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