

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

August 31, 2022

Commission met for payday and other business at 9:00 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. Present for portions of the meeting were County Counselor Brad Jantz (via teleconference) County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: County Lake resident Linda Judd presented written and verbal comments in opposition to a conditional use permit application to allow the residence next to hers to be used as a short-term rental.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIR. EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW: 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, Spencer, and an applicant for 20 minutes until 9:27 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, Spencer and the applicant for 10 minutes until 9:38 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Interim Dir. Marcy Hostetler presented information on weather radios that she would like to distribute to senior citizens during September for National Preparedness Month. The Board was in support.

- Mueller moved to adopt a Proclamation Declaring September National Preparedness Month in Marion County. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Comm. Dallke left the session, briefly.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of June, 2022 has been received in the amount of \$97,130.88.

PAYDAY: A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. The monthly comp time report was reviewed. Crofoot moved to approve payment to Elcon Services in the amount of \$237.61. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing). Dallke rejoined the session.

- Gehring moved to approve payment to Western Associates in the amount of \$994.15. Becker seconded. It was clarified that that an invoice for t-shirts for the Park & Lake were for shirts sold at the Blue Grass Festival. Motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Gehring moved to approve the grand total payday figure of \$1,130,152.51 (including payroll at \$583,507.44). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 (checks #52014-52299, voided checks 52042, 52224).

AMBULANCE: Interim Dir. Chuck Kenney requested approval to proceed with implementation of a 48 hour on / 96 hour off schedule for medical personnel in the department effective October 21, 2022. The consensus of the Board was to move ahead with the proposed change.

- 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, and Spencer present until 10:18 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of August 26th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	<u>1,400 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>
Epp's Service, Elbing	4.2890 = \$6,004.60	4.3990 = \$8,578.05	4.2790 = \$8,344.05
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	4.3530 = \$6,094.20	4.3330 = \$8,449.35	4.3530 = \$8,488.35

Goebel's recommendation was to award Areas 1 and 3 to Epp's Service and Area 2 to MFA Oil. Gehring moved to award the bids according to Goebel's recommendation. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Ongoing projects and department activities were discussed with no action.
- The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the Economic Development grant for the portion of 290th east of Remington Rd. to Hwy. 77 and to have Goebel bring back proposals included estimated cost for submitting three structures (Bridge #450, #460, and #480) under the Cost Share program.
- Goebel announced that rock hauling bids were received and that he has awarded the contract to JL Unruh for eleven sections.

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CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined via teleconference and discussed a recommendation that the County vacate the surface rights to the portion of Eastshore Road discussed on August 22nd but maintain a 50' easement. The Board agreed with this recommendation. Jantz said he would work with Planning/Zoning Dir. Sharon Omstead and have the appropriate document prepared for approval at the next regular County Commission meeting.

- 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, Jantz, Kenney, and Spencer present for 15 minutes until 11:01 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ADMINISTRATIVE: A special events permit application was submitted by Justin Whiteman for a private Labor Day celebration to include fireworks at property located at 2156 Pawnee on September 3rd. After review, Gehring moved to approve subject to receipt of the \$50.00 application fee and contingent upon verification of safe weather conditions on the day of the event (applicant to call dispatch on the day of the event to verify that fireworks would be allowed under current burning regulations). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

STORAGE BUILDING DISCUSSION: Comm. Dallke noted that after a conversation with the Sheriff it might be possible to scale back the scope of the proposed storage building (with proper security fencing in place) to open sidewalls and a dirt floor for equipment storage and only a small portion of the building being enclosed for potential record storage.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH FOR MARION COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized as "National Preparedness Month" and creates an opportunity for every resident of Marion County to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 National Preparedness Month theme is "A Lasting Legacy. The life you've build is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family;" and

WHEREAS, during an emergency, every second counts, and emergency preparedness programs educate individuals and families on how to prepare before, during, and after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, these programs address threats of severe weather and other potentially life-threatening circumstances to make our communities better prepared, resilient, and safer; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Emergency Management Department leads efforts to promote an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness by providing ongoing services to include outreach, education, training, and planning to ensure that localities are engaging the community on how to prepare, respond, recover, and mitigate against disasters; and


WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident who is urged to make preparedness a priority and work together to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, all residents are encouraged to participate in preparedness activities and become more prepared by making a plan, building a kit, and staying informed;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas do hereby proclaim the month of September as National Preparedness Month. The Marion County Commission calls upon all government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, caregivers, business leaders, non-profit organizations, and all residents of Marion County to observe this month with training, events, and activities to educate the public on Emergency Preparedness.

Proclaimed this 31 day of August, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARION COUNTY,
KANSAS


David Mueller, Chairman


Kent Becker, Member


Dave Crofoot, Member


Randy Dalke, Member


Jonah Gehring, Member



ATTEST:


Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk