

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

September 6, 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. Jonah Gehring present. Comm. Randy Dallke joined the meeting at 12:46 p.m. 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.

PUBLIC FORUM: County Lake resident Marty Sampson spoke on behalf of Linda Judd in opposition to a conditional use permit application to allow the residence next to hers to be used as a short-term rental. Additional written comments were provided to the Board.

- Jerry Mendoza inquired about the lack of progress on 140th over the last several weeks.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of August 31st. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Salary sheets were signed for Hayleigh Mendoza – new Dispatcher at \$15.36/hour effective 8/29/2022; Chelsie Rains – new Dispatcher at \$15.36/hour effective 8/31/2022; Kimberly Ross – one year raise from \$2,394.00/mo. to \$2,442.00/mo. effective 9/7/2022.
- Gehring moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$4,474.85. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0 (Ck #'s 52300-52302.)
- Gehring moved to approve a letter of support for the Peabody Community Foundation's Rural Champions Grant application. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Amendments to Section 13.3 and 13.4 of the Marion County Employee Manual were presented for review and Board approval. The revisions were made to change the accrual schedule / number of hours for medical personnel in the Ambulance (EMS) Department, as previously approved by the Board. Mueller moved to approve the revisions to the policy. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. The County Clerk was directed to apply the new accrual for sick leave beginning on the current (September) pay period, and the vacation accrual be effective immediately with the updated hours for accrual to occur on the employees' next anniversary date, in accordance with County policy.
- Spencer asked the Board for names of individuals they would like to appoint to witness the destruction of the ballots from the 2020 General Election. The consensus was for Spencer to provide a recommendation for Board approval.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present for department business. Goebel said that the placement of base rock has begun today on 140th.

- Current and upcoming projects and department activities were discussed with no action.
- The Board requested that Goebel bring the bids for rock hauling for official Board action at the next meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – HIRING DISCUSSION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss the Emergency Management Director position / hiring pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Spencer, and Interim Dir. Marcy Hostetler present for 15 minutes from 1:17 p.m. until 1:32 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to recess into executive session to discuss the Emergency Management Director position / hiring pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Spencer, and Hostetler present for five minutes until 1:39 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: 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 only the Board present from 1:42 p.m. until 1:47 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring noted that he would be more in favor of an hourly increase across the Board instead of a percentage in order to bring base wages for lower positions up. Information was reviewed with no action.

- Future meetings were discussed with some planned absences of individual Board members.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk