

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

September 19, 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. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Also present were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz and Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: Hillsboro City Administrator Matt Stiles presented information about a grant application being submitted to the Department of Commerce to support community vibrancy. Stiles is including needs of several grocery stores around the County in the application, and requested a letter of support from the Board.

- Jerry Mendoza was present via teleconference and asked to whom he should submit a claim/request for reimbursement for tires damaged on 140th during construction. Co. Engineer Brice Goebel noted that it could be sent to the Road & Bridge Department and their staff would forward it to the County's insurance provider.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dallke moved to approve the minutes of September 12th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Spencer reported that the air conditioning system at the Courthouse suffered a major malfunction and damage over the weekend. Repairs are expected to be in the \$8,000.00 range.
- The annual WIC Contract between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Marion County was presented for approval. Gehring moved to approve the WIC agreement. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A salary sheet was signed for new Deputy Sheriff Presley Mabe at \$17.84/hour effective 9/12/2022.
- Revisions to the 911 Dispatch Manager job description were presented. Mueller moved to approve the revised job description. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman as voting delegates (for the KCAMP and KWORCC annual meetings) and Gehring and Becker as alternates. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

KANSAS MOBILITY MANAGEMENT: Michelle Griffin, Director of Mobility Management – North Central Kansas Coordinated Transit District was present to discuss services provided through OCCK, Inc. Some services are available to Marion County residents.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING: Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff provided a quarterly update to the Board. The 62nd annual meeting for Senior Citizens of Marion County will be held at the Hillsboro Senior Center on Thursday, October 20th.

AMBULANCE: Interim Dir. Chuck Kenney and Interim Emergency Management Dir. Marcy Hostetler 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, Kenney, Hostetler, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 1:32 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) to consult with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, Kenney, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 1:45 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to recess into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) to consult with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, Kenney and Spencer present for five minutes until 1:53 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Jantz left the meeting.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review employment applications pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Kenney and Spencer present for 10 minutes from 1:55 p.m. until 2:05 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Kenney presented quarterly write-offs in the amount of \$8,855.10. Dallke moved to accept the write-offs in the amount of \$8,855.10. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Run statistics and information on the office remodel were presented with no action.
- Kenney expressed the crews' appreciation to the Board for recent pay changes.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented Change Order #1 to Cornejo for the Indigo overlay project in the amount of \$749,005.49. Gehring moved to approve. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve Pay Application #3 to Cornejo & Sons in the amount of \$1,443,603.39 on the Indigo overlay project. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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ROAD & BRIDGE, CONTINUED: A final invoice for EBH Engineering for the Indigo overlay project in the amount of \$19,561.73. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.

- Upcoming and ongoing department activities and projects were discussed with no action.
- The Board expressed no objection to Goebel sending a letter to KDOT requesting extra work on radios rights-of-ways when the do upcoming work on Hwy. 77.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss family medical leave for an employee pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Spencer present for five minutes until 2:37 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Gehring moved to implement a \$1.00/hour step raise for all employees (including department heads) except for the Commissioners and EMS employees effective with the January, 2023 pay period. Crofoot seconded. Discussion ensued. Mueller presented an amendment to the motion to move the raise effective date to the October, 2022 pay period. Amendment died for lack of a second. Original motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Becker said he has received a lot of public feedback in regard to the County's purchase of the building at 1240 Commercial. Additional discussion will be placed on the September 26th agenda.

- The Board was open to the idea of moving items for sale out of the courthouse attic to the building at 1240 Commercial to prepare for public auction to potentially be held in November, but no official decision was made.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz rejoined 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, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 3:05 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Dallke left the meeting.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk