

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

September 26, 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, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Comm. Kent Becker was absent. 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: Jerry Mendoza was present via teleconference. His public comments from the prior week were read aloud, and additional comments were made about metal pieces in the base material used on 140th, which are ruining tires and causing potential safety issues for individuals using the road. Mendoza asked if it was likely that he would be reimbursed by the County's insurance company or whether he should pursue other avenues.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Hillsboro City Administrator Matt Stiles was present with additional information about the TEFFI SEED grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce. Carlson's Grocery and the Florence Library have been added to the application. A letter of support was presented for review and approval. Mueller moved to approve the letter of support. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Mueller moved to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board to serve as the Kansas Association of Counties voting delegate and first alternate and the County Clerk to serve as the second alternate. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Mueller moved to approve additional changes to the 911 Dispatch Manager job description. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Salary sheets were signed: Rebecca Curtis – change to Interim Dispatch Lead from \$15.67/hour to \$17.24/hour effective 9/27/2022; Chelsea Weber – change to Interim Dispatch Manager from \$16.78/hour to \$19.00/hour effective 9/7/2022; Robert Bartlett – new part-time Reserve Officer at \$15.36/hour effective 9/14/2022; Caleb Tomlinson – new Corrections Officer at \$15.36/hour effective 9/19/2022; Travis Parmley – change from full time to part time Paramedic (no change in pay) effective 9/18/2022.
- Change orders affecting 2021 and prior years' taxes were reviewed and signed by the Board. Supplements affecting 2022 valuation were reviewed.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – ROAD DISCUSSION: Jenna Dickerson, resident of Liberty Township read a letter on behalf of township officials of Blaine, Centre, Clark, Clear Creek, Colfax, Durham Park, Grant, Gale, Lehigh, Liberty, Logan, Menno, and Risley Townships which outlined questions and concerns regarding ongoing road maintenance. Other individuals in attendance were Co. Engineer Brice Goebel, Mike Beneke, Dwight M. Flaming (Menno Twp. Clerk), Linda Peters (Liberty Twp. Trustee), Kyle Klassen (Lehigh Twp. Trustee), Paul Penner (Risley Twp. Treasurer), Galen Penner (Risley Twp. Clerk), and Tom Britain. After reviewing some of the points in the letter, it was determined that a work session would be scheduled on October 24th at 10 a.m. for additional discussion.

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

| | Area 1 | Area 2 | Area 3 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1,400 gals. | 1,950 gals. | 1,950 gals. |
| Epp's Service, Elbing | 3.549 = \$4,968.60 | 3.669 = \$7,154.55 | 3.569 = \$6,959.55 |
| MFA Oil, Lincolnville | 4.283 = \$5,996.20 | 4.333 = \$8,449.35 | 4.353 = \$8,488.35 |

Gehring moved to accept the bid from Epp's Service for all three areas (totaling \$19,082.70). Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Upcoming and ongoing department projects and activities were discussed with no action.
- The extended turning radii for the wind project were discussed. Some landowners would like to keep the larger turning radii. Goebel was directed to discuss the possibilities with the project officials.
- Goering moved to approve Agreement 265-22 (between Marion County, KDOT, and CFS Engineers). Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. (This pertains to the HRRR project for the Nighthawk & 190th intersection area).
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board, Goebel, and Spencer present for 10 minutes (from 2:05 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

BUILDING DISCUSSION: Several scenarios were discussed in regard to departments that could potentially move into the new space at 1240 Commercial with minimal remodeling. The Board was most in favor of moving Road & Bridge Administration, Planning & Zoning, and Emergency Management to the space.

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BUILDING DISCUSSION, CONTINUED: Goebel was directed to work with Planning/Zoning Dir. Sharon Omstead and seek general cost estimates for the proposed remodel, and an alternate estimate to include EMS (ambulance) Administration. The Board discussed the possibility of moving the Co. Attorney's Office into the annex. No official action was taken.

- Spencer was directed to work with other County staff as needed to apply for a Conditional Use Permit for government use from the City of Marion for 1240 Commercial.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Jeff Soyez joined the session to update the Board on a situation that occurred with the County's radio communications on Saturday. A microwave switch in the State's tower that services Marion and Chase counties had to be replaced. Soyez praised Interim Emergency Management Dir. Marcy Hostetler for her work and handling of the situation.

- Soyez also reported that he made a traffic stop while he was driving the Emergency Management vehicle on Saturday.

SECURITY DISCUSSION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss security matters pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (13) for matters related to security measures with the Board and Spencer present for five minutes (from 2:43 p.m. to 2:48 p.m.) Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. 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 the Board and Spencer present for five minutes from 2:50 p.m. until 2:55 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Crofoot moved to change the Marion County Land Bank meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3rd. Mueller seconded and motion carried 4-0. This meeting will be followed by a special County Commission meeting to hold interviews for the EMS Director position. There will not be a regular meeting at 12:30 on that date.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk