

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

January 9, 2023

County Commissioners Kent Becker, Dave Crofoot, and Jonah Gehring were sworn in for their new term of office at 12:00 p.m. in the Courtroom by Judge Susan Robson. Jeff Soyez was sworn in for the remainder of the unexpired term of County Sheriff. A short reception followed in the main floor hallway of the Marion County Courthouse.

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. David Mueller, Comm. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public and members of the press.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:** Gehring moved to appoint David Mueller as Chairman and Dave Crofoot as Vice Chairman for 2023. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Dallke opposed.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public comments.

**SHERIFF:** Sheriff Jeff Soyez requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance. 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, Soyez, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 12:44 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) for consultation with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, Soyez, and Spencer present for five minutes until 12:50 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Change orders affecting 2022 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to deposit funds into all Marion County banks authorized by law. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. It was noted that Central National Bank will be the working bank for 2023.
- Becker moved to use the new IRS rate for mileage reimbursements for 2023. Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to adopt resolution 2023-02 Establishing the Mileage Rate for County Business Conducted in Personal Vehicles at 65.5 cents per mile. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A conditional use permit application for the County's building at 1240 Commercial Drive was reviewed by the Board. Crofoot moved to approve for submission. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A draft request for bids for generators and installation was reviewed. Crofoot moved to remove bid item #4 and proceed with the bid process. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Gehring opposed.
- Gehring moved to appoint Brad Gorsuch to the Marion County Planning Commission District 4 Position. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. It was noted that two members from District 3 and the at-large position still need to have official appointments made. Jantz was directed to review the bylaws and determine whether the current at-large member is eligible for another term.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Dir. Krista Schneider reported that she has been researching architectural firms that have experience with building health departments or medical clinics/facilities. A Request for Qualifications will be developed for professional services in compliance with grant requirements.

**BID OPENING – KANZA ROAD PROJECT:** Darin Neufeld with EBH Engineering was present for the bid opening. There were five contractors that submitted a bid. Neufeld will evaluate the bids and return on January 17<sup>th</sup> for potential bid award.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CONTINUED:** Dir. Krista Schneider reported that the County has been awarded a Safe Kids Grant in the amount of \$2,450.00 to be used for safe sleep, education, and drowning prevention. Dallke moved to accept the grant and sign the sub-recipient agreement. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Schneider left the session.

- 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, Jantz, and Spencer present for five minutes until 1:53 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- 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, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 2:05 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented transport fuel bids for review. There was only one responsive bidder:

	Tank #3 4,000 gals.	Tank #1 1,500 gals.	Unleaded 2,500 gals.	Total
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	4.3877	4.1317	2.6043	\$30,259.10

Dallke moved to accept the bid from MFA Oil in the amount of \$30,259.10. Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- The building at 1240 Commercial Drive was discussed. The consensus of the Board was to offer existing salon fixtures/furnishings for sale via sealed bids.
- After reviewing last week's bids for backhoe/loaders, Goebel recommended purchasing the John Deere 320 P Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$139,895.09. Gehring moved to accept the recommendation and purchase the unit. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Potential projects were discussed with no action. Additional cost information was requested regarding micro-surface materials vs. chip seal materials as well as an outline of the budget vs. projected costs.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz updated the Board regarding ongoing attorney/client matters and policy development.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

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

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**RESOLUTION 2023-02**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILEAGE RATE FOR COUNTY BUSINESS  
CONDUCTED IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.**

**WHEREAS**, Marion County provides county-owned vehicles to their employees when traveling for county business; and

**WHEREAS**, the designated county-owned vehicles are not always available and the employee must drive their personal vehicle for county business; and

**WHEREAS**, the standard mileage rate for businesses set by the Internal Revenue Service is currently at 65.5 cents per mile.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the mileage rate paid to County officials and County employees traveling on county business, in personal vehicles, be established at 65.5 cents per mile, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

This resolution, upon motion duly made and seconded, passed this 9 day of January, 2023.

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MARION COUNTY, KANSAS**

David Mueller ☒ Yea  
[ ] Nay  
[ ] Abstain  
David Mueller, Chairman – District 2

Kent Becker ☒ Yea  
[ ] Nay  
[ ] Abstain  
Kent Becker, Member – District 1

Randy Dallke ☒ Yea  
[ ] Nay  
[ ] Abstain  
Randy Dallke, Member – District 3

Dave Crofoot ☒ Yea  
[ ] Nay  
[ ] Abstain  
Dave Crofoot, Member – District 4

Jonah Gehring ☒ Yea  
[ ] Nay  
[ ] Abstain  
Jonah Gehring, Member – District 5

ATTEST:

Tina D. Spencer  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk



