

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

February 13, 2023

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. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Randy Dallke present in person and Comm. Kent Becker present via teleconference. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session at 12:35 p.m. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: Clarke Dirks expressed concern about a potential partnership between Marion County and OnStar that was written about in the newspaper. Dirks' concerns centered around privacy practices, terms and conditions that could compromise citizens' right to privacy. Dirks encouraged the Board to have any terms and conditions thoroughly reviewed by legal counsel prior to agreeing to a partnership.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of February 6th. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Dallke moved to approve the minutes of February 9th. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Change orders affecting 2022 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Gehring moved to approve a revised agreement with Vance Brothers for micro-surfacing (incorporating changes proposed by Co. Counselor). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A letter of support for the City of Peabody's Middle Income Housing Grant was presented for review. Dallke moved to approve. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

GENERATOR BIDS: A summary of generator bids opened last week was reviewed. Crofoot moved to approve the low bid for Marion (Elcon Services), Hillsboro (Funk Electric), and Peabody (Elcon Services) and to decline all bids for the Courthouse annex. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Becker moved to seek bids for a stand-alone 24kW unit for the annex. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Register of Deeds Rebecca Wingfield provided a quarterly update to the Board. Several books are being re-microfilmed utilizing the technology fund. In addition, one of the department's printers needs to be replaced.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (FACT): Dir. Terry Bebermeyer provided information to the Board regarding upcoming and ongoing programming and funding sources. Bebermeyer invited the Commission to appoint a member to be included on the Substance Abuse Prevention Committee (SAPC).

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Claudio Faundez with Blue Cross Blue Shield presented the County's renewal. There is an overall increase of 3.62%. Other options, including partial self-funding were also presented. No action was taken.

AMBULANCE: Dir. Curt Hasart noted that the sign for the Hillsboro station was never installed. The cost to fabricate a frame for the printed sign and to install is estimated at \$1,500.00. Dallke moved to proceed with the installation (after verifying with City of Hillsboro Building Inspector regarding placement). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Volunteer wages were discussed. The Board directed Hasart to work with the Co. Clerk to develop a proposal for increasing.
- 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, Hasart, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 2:22 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- 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, Jantz, Hasart, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 2:34 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 2:46 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING DISCUSSION: Dir. Krista Schneider provided a list of current services being offered at the health department and some of the challenges of the configuration of the current space. Several ideas for expanded services were also presented. Schneider reiterated the need for additional space in whatever new location is selected for the Health Department.

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

February 13, 2023, Continued

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING DISCUSSION, CONTINUED: After discussion, Crofoot moved to authorize Schneider to work with an architect to develop a preliminary conceptual plan at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 to be paid from the General fund. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0. This plan could potentially be used to develop an engineer's estimate of cost for a new facility.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel requested feedback regarding an upcoming grant application for the High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) program. After discussion Mueller moved to apply for the HRRR grant, and that the projects within the application include the bridge at 290th and Nighthawk, and as many structures (along 290th) and road widening (of 290th) from K-15 as far east as possible within a general project budget of \$2,000,000.00 with the County contributing 50%. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- The Courthouse east parking lot was discussed again. The consensus of the Board was to go with concrete on the parking lot and to add another sidewalk from the east side of the courthouse to adjoin the sidewalk that runs east of the annex building. Additional sidewalks will be discussed at the next meeting after Goebel and Spencer collaborate regarding needs.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session pursuant to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, Goebel, and Spencer present for 20 minutes until 4:02 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Maximum culvert size was discussed. Goebel said that a 60' maximum size is most practical.
- Other projects and policy items were discussed with no action.

CO. COUNSELOR: Jantz noted that he will be scheduling Andrew Holder (attorney representing Marion County in a legal matter) to attend an upcoming Commission meeting for an executive session for attorney/client business with the Board.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk