

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

May 31, 2023

Commission met for payday and other business at 9:00 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. David Mueller, Comm. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Dave Crofoot present. Comm. Randy Dallke 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.

**SALES TAX:** Sales tax for the month of March was received in the amount of \$100,276.14.

**PAYDAY:** The monthly comp-time report was reviewed. A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. Becker moved to approve payments to Elcon Services in the amount of \$3,529.38. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Gehring moved to approve payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$1,284.99. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Mueller moved to approve Pay Estimate #1 to Wildcat Construction for the Kanza Road project in the amount of \$310,181.94. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Becker moved to approve the grand total payday figure of \$1,489,238.99 (including payroll at \$644,665.04). Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0 (checks #51149-51397; voided checks #51180-51181; 51298.)

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Gehring moved to approve the minutes of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Salary sheets were signed for Kathern Swan, part-time Administrative Specialist in the Treasurer's Office at \$22.00/hour effective 5/23/2023 and Taylor Plank, part-time Data Collector in the Appraiser's Office at \$13.68/hour effective 5/22/2023.
- Crofoot moved to appoint Casey Taylor to the Prairie View Marion County Advisory Committee. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Mueller moved to approve the Drinking Establishment License for Marion Country Club. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING:** Dir. Lu Turk presented computer quotes from CDW-G:

Dell OptiPlex 5000	\$1,176.09
HP EliteDesk 800 G6	\$1,193.77
Lenovo ThinkCentre	\$1,035.59

Turk recommended acceptance of the lowest priced model. Gehring moved to accept the recommendation and purchase the Lenovo for \$1,035.59. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- A proposal from 4PC Security Technologies to install panic buttons at the Department on Aging was reviewed. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the proposal from 4PC in the amount of \$6,506.04. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**AMBULANCE:** Dir. Curt Hasart reported estimated costs to customize the 2023 Arrow Ambulance at \$65,318.00. When added to the purchase price of \$179,900.00, the total approximate cost will be \$245,218.00. Becker moved to approve the moving forward with a total cost not to exceed \$250,000.00 (including the ambulance, load system, striping, decals, medication refrigerator, and mobile radio). Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- The Florence Grand Prix Motorcycle Race was discussed. The event was a success. Commissioners Becker and Crofoot assisted with lining up competitors and starting each group. Marion County EMS, Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Management were onsite.

**PARK & LAKE:** Supt. Isaac Hett requested board approval to hold a fireworks show at the Lake on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The consensus of the Board was to have Hett proceed with planning the event for July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Boat docks were discussed. Some owners have put up chains to block public access to the docks when their boat is present. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Board was that none of the docks should have the walkways chained or locked, since they are to be open for public access. An agreement with specific parameters regarding when dock owners can deny public access is still needed from the County Counselor.
- Hett reported on other ongoing and upcoming department activities, including the dam repair project.

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**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITION:** The Board discussed the job description and title to use to fill the upcoming vacancy in the Road & Bridge Department Head position (currently County Engineer). The Board agreed to utilize the titles of Road & Bridge Superintendent and Deputy Road & Bridge Superintendent for the top two department job descriptions. There was general discussion about developing a separate job description for the technical aspects and eventually seeking an engineering technician to perform those functions. The Board asked the Co. Clerk to provide amended draft job descriptions for approval at the next meeting.

**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 until 10:43 a.m. Gehring seconded, and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** There were no Commission Comments.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

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