

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

June 20, 2023, Work Session

Commission met in special session at 10:30 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Vice Chr. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Chr. David Mueller 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.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the County's personnel manual draft. No action was taken.

Crofoot moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

June 20, 2023, Regular Session

Commission met in special session at 10:30 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Vice Chr. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Chr. David Mueller 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: There were no public comments.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LSSE GRANT APPLICATION: Emergency Management Director Marcy Hostetler requested permission to submit a LSSE grant application in the amount of \$638,633.00 to upgrade law enforcement radio encryption. The County's 10% match amount would be \$63,863.00.

- After discussion, Gehring moved to approve submission of the application. Becker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

MARION COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2024 BUDGET ALLOCATION REQUEST: Lori Siebert, Bruce Schroeder, Greg Bowers, Brandon Entz, and Lisa Suderman were present to request a level budget allocation for 2024 in the amount of \$39,500.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of June 12th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Salary sheets were signed for Joseph Rovelo, new part-time transfer station worker in the amount of \$14.37/hour effective 6/14/2023 and Rachel Hogan, Paramedic, from \$18.90/hour to \$19.57/hour effective 6/21/2023, three-month performance review.
- An early check (#51415) in the amount of \$718.00 was approved.
- Gehring moved to appoint Christina Valdois to the Marion County Prairie View Advisory Committee. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- The draft request for proposals for architectural services for the proposed health department building was reviewed. After discussion, Crofoot moved to approve the RFP as presented and distribute. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-1 with Gehring opposed.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH RFP REVIEW: The Board reviewed and discussed proposals received for executive search services for the County Administrator position. No action was taken. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES DISCUSSION: Becker moved to not approve Sunday beer sales before 12:00 p.m. Motion died for lack of a second.

SOLID WASTE FEE DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed information outlining the revenue received from the solid waste assessment fee. Discussion ensued about possibly raising commercial rates. No action was taken. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

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June 20, 2023, Continued

AMBULANCE: Dir. Curt Hasart presented quarterly statistics and reported on department activities. Quarterly write-offs were presented for approval. Dallke moved to write-off \$6,521.74. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Hasart requested permission for Jamie Shirley to carry over 26.25 hours vacation. Dallke moved to carry over the hours for 90 days. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Crofoot moved to recess into executive session to discuss job performance of a specific individual pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Hasart and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 2:18 p.m. with open session to resume in Commission following the closed session. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Spencer did not remain in the executive session. Open session resumed with no action.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Road & Bridge Superintendent Steve Hudson suggested eliminating some of the sections of roadway slated for micro-surfacing this year to complete repairs that are needed. The Board wanted confirmation of the cost per mile and the ability to change the contractor agreement. Hudson noted that County Engineer Brice Goebel could follow up with them at the next meeting with that information and request official approval of the changes.

- Hudson reported on current department activities.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett reported that if changes are made to the County's private dock ownership policy, there will be no impact on the Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP). The County may also be eligible to apply for a CFAP grant to build County-owned docks or to improve fishing areas at the lake.

- Hett noted that he has given dock owners permission to close their docks in cases of low water. However, if the dock is closed for that reason, the closure effects the public AND the dock owner. No use is allowed.
- Hett said he would like to provide four work t-shirts for each of his staff. The Board had no objection.
- The dam repair pre-construction meeting is scheduled for June 29th. Work will not begin on the project until after July 4th.

PUBLIC FORUM: Phyllis Zorn asked why Comm. Mueller was absent. She then asked whether the Board typically engages in background checks for hired department heads. Several other questions were asked about the County's hiring process. When questions became focused on a specific County employee, the Board declined to comment further.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: There were no Commission comments.

Crofoot moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk