

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

June 26, 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. Kent Becker, and Comm. Dave Crofoot present. Comm. Randy Dallke joined the session at 12:52 p.m. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of June 20th. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0 with Mueller abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing). Gehring moved to approve the minutes of June 23rd. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting the current year's tax roll were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- A salary sheet was signed for Joyce Ryder – Treasurer's Admin. Specialist I at \$2,491.00/mo. effective 6/19/2023.

NEOSHO REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – RESERVOIR DISCUSSION: Lisa Suderman presented information to the Board about potential marketing of 19% of the water in Marion reservoir, which could potentially impact drinking water supply for three Marion County communities as well as the availability of the reservoir for recreational purposes and irrigation. The Board agreed that a meeting with stakeholders should be arranged to disseminate information and discuss possible courses of action to protect the reservoir and Marion County communities.

COMMISSION REVIEW EXECUTIVE SEARCH PROPOSALS: A summary of the proposals received was provided to the Board for objective review and ranking of responses. After discussion, the Board agreed to interview two firms.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented utility permits for approval. Mueller moved to approve permit 23-17 for Vyve Broadband from Remington and 210th to Eastshore. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Mueller moved to approve permit 23-18 for Home Communications, Inc. to install fiber optic cable along 210th from 126 210th east for 3.2 miles to Prospect Ave. (Lehigh). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Pay Estimate #2 for the Kanza Road project in the amount of \$666,395.10 was presented for approval. Gehring moved to approve. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The Authority to Award Contract / Commitment of County Funds for the High-Risk Rural Roads project at Indigo and 130th was presented for review and approval. The County's expected share is \$19,000 (expected federal share of funding is \$197,923). Gehring moved accept the project (and commitment of county funds) as outlined. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Goebel updated the Board on upcoming and ongoing department activities and projects.

SOLID WASTE FEE / RESOLUTION: The Board discussed the solid waste fee, and the shortfall in funding the current transfer station operations and debt. Gehring moved to increase solid waste assessment fees by 25% for both residential and commercial properties. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.

KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES 2024 BUDGET ALLOCATION REQUEST: Ty Wheeler presented a budget request in the amount of \$4,500.00. Mueller moved to approve an allocation of \$4,500.00. After discussion, Wheeler requested a change in allocation to \$5,000.00. Mueller withdrew his motion and Becker moved to approve an allocation of \$5,000.00 for Kansas Legal Services. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss the job performance of a specific employee 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 2:13 p.m. with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: There were no Commission comments.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk