

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

July 24, 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, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Engineer Darin Neufeld was present with an update on the Kanza Road project.

- Change orders affecting 2022 and prior tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board. Supplements were reviewed.
- A salary sheet was signed for Sharolyn Buller – change from Custodian to Treasurer’s Administrative Specialist I from \$2,581.00/mo. to \$2,491.00/mo. effective 7/10/2023.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 14th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Crofoot moved to approve the minutes of July 17th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Crofoot moved to approve payables of \$992.00 (check #51708). Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer reported that the red command emergency command trailer discussed with Emergency Management Dir. Marcy Hostetler at a previous meeting is a deployable asset purchased through Homeland Security. The Board requested that an additional discussion be scheduled on the agenda.
- Spencer reported that Transfer Station Dir. Josh Housman indicated that personnel at the Road & Bridge shop can repair the clutch in the semi- truck. The cost of the part is approximately \$850.00. The consensus was to proceed with the repair.
- Spencer reported that the County can now request the second LATCF payment in the amount of \$50,000.00. Gehring moved to apply the second LATCF payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 into the risk management fund. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The contract between the League of Kansas Municipalities and Marion County for executive search services pertaining to the County Administrator search was presented for review and approval. Gehring moved to approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Dir. Krista Schneider requested approval of the annual contract for school hearing/vision screening in the amount of \$7,500.00. Dallke moved to approve. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Schneider requested approval to apply for / accept a Workforce Development Grant in the amount of \$76,507.92 which may be used for line items such as recruitment, retention, training, and worksite wellness. Gehring moved to approve. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Road & Bridge Supt. Steve Hudson updated the Board on ongoing and upcoming projects and department activities.

- Mueller requested an executive session to discuss personnel/hiring pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Hudson, Jantz, and Spencer present for 15 minutes until 1:15 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Becker moved to appoint Steve Hudson as Interim Department Director effective 7/5/2023. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss the performance of an individual employee pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Hudson, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 1:30 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Gehring moved to approve a temporary one-step pay increase for Administrative Specialist II Victoria James until either the Department Director or an Administrative Specialist I position is filled. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss the performance of a specific employee pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Spencer, and Jantz present for five minutes until 1:40 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

CO. COUNSELOR: 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, and Spencer present for 15 minutes until 2:00 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: Comm. Mueller asked whether the Board would like to continue leasing the newly acquired property at 1220 E. Main to its current tenant. The consensus was to continue to lease out the property for now. The Co. Counselor was directed to draw up an agreement before the next Commission meeting.

COMMISISON COMMENTS: Crofoot extended thanks to the Marion County Fair Board for their work and noted that the fair seemed to be well-attended, and that the air conditioning was a valuable improvement to the Commercial building. It was noted that some doors might need to be changed for better traffic flow and insulation.

- Gehring said that the Fair Board publicly acknowledged those that contributed to the project, including the County.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk