

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

August 7, 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 were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: Representative Scott Hill presented a legislative update. Unfunded demand transfers due to Counties were also discussed.

4H BASKET PRESENTATIONS: Marion County 4-H clubs presented baskets from the County Fair to the Commissioners.

CO. TREASURER: Co. Treasurer Susan Berg presented financial reports and discussed the upcoming tax sale.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH DISCUSSION: John Deardoff was present to discuss position qualifications, timeline, and other information pertaining to the search for a Co. Administrator. Advertising was discussed. A candidate profile and recommended salary range will be developed by Deardoff and provided for Board review.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Change orders affecting 2022 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board. Supplements to the 2023 valuation were reviewed by the Board.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 31st and August 2nd. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve early checks totaling \$11,743.91 (Checks #51936-51938). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Transport Fuel Bids were presented for review:

	Tank #1	Tank#2	Unleaded	Total
	4,000 gals.	1,000 gals.	3,000 gals.	
○ Epp's Service, Elbing	3.4590	3.1850	3.0990	\$26,318.00
○ MFA Oil, Lincolnville	3.5909	3.3353	3.1952	\$27,284.50

Becker moved to accept the bid from Epp's in the amount of \$26,318.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Salary sheets were signed: Jonathon Benavidez and Dakota Bruckner – change from full-time to part-time Corrections Officer 7/25/2023; Trinity Snyder, new Corrections Officer at \$18.36/hour effective 7/28/2023.
- Mueller moved to approve budgeted transfers to the Capital Improvement Fund of \$112,492.00 from Road & Bridge Sales Tax and \$178,583.00 from the Road Maintenance & Improvement budget line item. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Mueller moved to approve a budgeted transfer from Road & Bridge to the Special Equipment Fund in the amount of \$116,666.67. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

CO. COUNSELOR: Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead joined the session. 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, Spencer, and Omstead present for 10 minutes until 2:19 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller 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, Spencer, and Omstead present for 10 minutes until 2:30 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation 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, Spencer, and Omstead present for 15 minutes until 2:46 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- EMS Director Curt Hasart joined the session. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation 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, Spencer, and Hasart present for 10 minutes until 2:58 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Hasart left partway through the session. Open session resumed with no action.
- 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 and Spencer present for five minutes until 3:07 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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August 7, 2023, Continued

CO. COUNSELOR, CONTINUED: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance reviews 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 3:14 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

COMMISSION REVIEW OF ARCHITECTURAL RFP RESPONSES: Responses were reviewed in depth. Additional clarification will be requested from all firms regarding their proposed fee structures.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk