

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

October 16, 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 County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dallke moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$15,242.27. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0 (checks #52418-52421).

- A salary sheet was signed for Paramedic Rachel Hogan – change from full-time to part-time status effective 10/13/2023 with no change in pay.
- Mueller moved to adopt Resolution 2023-19, ratifying a one-day verbal disaster declaration issued for a grass fire on Timber and 60th on October 13th. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller signed an amended budget page for the LSSE grant based on the accepted amount of \$120,000.00.
- The date for payment of longevity bonuses was discussed. Spencer noted that for more clear tracking these wages should be separate from the November paycheck. The consensus of the Board was to allow the Co. Clerk to pay longevity pay on a separate date during November.
- Becker moved to accept \$50,000.00 from KDHE for a wastewater grant program in Marion County. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to approve the 2024 payday schedule. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Crofoot moved to approve a total of 12 paid County holidays for 2024. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman presented bids for additional security cameras and a locking network box at the transfer station.

One Force Security Solutions	\$2,360.60
My Alarm Service	\$2,894.00

Housman's preference was to purchase from My Alarm Service since they are the servicing vendor for the current equipment. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the purchase from My Alarm Service to be funded from the capital outlay line of the Transfer Station budget. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

BUILDING DISCUSSION: The Commission discussed the continuing need for a storage building on County property. Dallke will research costs for a 50' x 100' basic metal building.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz presented a draft Lake Hall Building Rental Agreement for review. Other topics, primarily concerning the lake, were discussed with no action. The Board was in favor of moving forward with finalizing the building rental agreement.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Becker said he asked Park & Lake Supt. Isaac Hett to order another American Flag to keep on the other half of the Lake Hall for use during meetings when both sides of the hall are being utilized.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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October 16, 2023, Continued

**DISASTER PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION 2023-19
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR MARION COUNTY, KANSAS**

WHEREAS, on this 16th day of October 2023, the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas, finds that certain conditions caused, or eminently threatened to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion. Very High Fire Danger conditions existed in Marion County. The combination of dry grassland, accompanied by low relative humidity, and gusty winds increased the risk of wildland fire spread. Marion County Fire Departments responded to a grass fire located Timber and 80th Street on October 13, 2023, in Marion County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions created obstructions which endangered health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the border of Marion County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, under the authority granted pursuant to Marion County Resolution 2019-02, David Mueller, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners issued a verbal disaster declaration at 1654 hours on October 13, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas does hereby proclaim:

1. That pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932, that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists within Marion County, Kansas.
2. That the area within the borders of Marion County, Kansas covered by this proclamation is the entire area of Marion County, Kansas.
3. That the Board of County Commissioners shall have all the rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.


BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this disaster emergency declaration shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) day from the initial verbal declaration, unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas, and that the verbal declaration issued in relation to this event is hereby ratified by the full Board.

So, proclaimed this 16th day of October 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, KANSAS


David Mueller, Chairman, District 2

☒ Yes
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Kent Becker, Member, District 1

☒ Yes
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Randy Dalke, Member, District 3

☒ Yes
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Doug Crofoot, Member, District 4

☒ Yes
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Jonah Gehring, Member, District 5

☒ Yes
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain



ATTEST:


Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk