

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

October 10, 2023

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Vice Chr. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Jonah Gehring, and Comm. Kent Becker present. Comm. David Mueller was absent. Comm. Randy Dallke joined the meeting at 12:48 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:** Becker moved to approve the agenda with additions (including Emergency Management and an executive session for property acquisition discussion). Gehring seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Gehring moved to approve Change Order #2 on the Kanza Road Project (reduction of \$28,705.00). Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Gehring moved to approve Pay Estimate #4 (in the amount of \$465,078.72 to Wildcat Construction). Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Early checks in the amount of \$16,922.70 were presented for review and approval. Becker moved to approve. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 3-0 (checks #52409-52417).
- After staff review of the agreement between the County and the contractor, for the renovation of 1240 Commercial drive, some changes were requested by the County. A revised agreement was presented for signature of the Vice Chairman.
- Becker moved to close County offices from 9:15 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and to close the Treasurer's Office, for the entire day on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for Susan Berg's funeral. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Supt. Steve Hudson reported that stop signs are being vandalized and stolen in the County.

- Gehring moved to allow an increase of up to \$20,000.00 in the Nighthawk & 190<sup>th</sup> project to extend resurfacing across a box culvert. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Micro-surfacing has been delayed and may not be completed this year.
- Hudson reported on upcoming and ongoing department activities and projects.
- Comm. Dallke joined the session at 12:48 p.m.

**PROPERTY ACQUISITION DISCUSSION:** Crofoot moved to recess into executive session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with only the Board present for five minutes until 1:09 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Crofoot to recess back into executive session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with only the Board present for five minutes until 1:19 p.m. Becker seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Dir. Krista Schneider reported on upcoming and ongoing department activities and noted that the Health Fair will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

- A proposed job description for a seasonal nurse was presented for review and approval. Crofoot moved to authorize Schneider to hire a seasonal nurse for the Public Health Department contingent upon grant funding. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the seasonal nurse job description. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – LSSE GRANT UPDATE:** Dir. Marcy Hostetler and Sheriff Jeff Soye joined the session. The LSSE grant award is only 20% of the requested amount for funding for new radios. The total amount granted to Marion County will be \$120,000.00 with a \$12,000.00 County match requirement. Hostetler and Soye have developed a plan to meet basic standards to comply with the encryption mandate. Gehring moved to accept the LSSE grant funds. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Gehring moved to authorize the purchase of the radios (as outlined) to bring the county into compliance at a cost not to exceed the amount of grant proceeds. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**SECURITY DISCUSSION:** Crofoot moved to recess into executive session to discuss physical security pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (13) for matters related to security measures with the Board and Spencer present for five minutes until 1:59 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public comments.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Dallke said he was informed by a member of the fair board that there is someone interested in renting the building where our equipment is stored, and that we may have to start moving the equipment once each week to accommodate. Dallke noted that the Board needs to give further serious consideration to constructing a storage building on our own property. Spencer scheduled a building discussion on the next agenda.

Crofoot moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk