

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

October 23, 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: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of October 10th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Mueller abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of October 16th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the revised longevity policy. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Salary sheets were signed for: Jenna Meyerhoff – Seasonal Nurse at \$26.01/hour effective 10/20/2023; Brianna Railing-Rodriguez – Road & Bridge Administrative Specialist I at \$2,491.00/mo. effective 10/23/2023; William Houle – Road & Bridge Equipment Operator I at \$2,744.00/mo. effective 10/23/2023.
- The time for the November 6th regular Commission meeting was changed from 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- **Middle Creek Watershed Project:** Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. / Flood Plain Admin. Sharon Omstead joined the session. A formal request to be a cooperating agency on the Middle Creek Watershed Joint District No. 62 – Floodwater Retarding Dam (FRD) 11 Environmental Assessment was received from USDA. Omstead noted that the County should provide an affirmative response. After discussion, Gehring moved to proceed as a cooperating agency. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Chr. Mueller will provide the initial response to USDA.
 - Gehring moved to authorize Sharon Omstead to address and respond to any follow up questions. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss the job performance of a specific individual pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4139b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, Spencer, and Housman present for 10 minutes until 1:00 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

COUNTY APPRAISER: Co. Appraiser Nicole Reid presented a quarterly update to the Board. Reid requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss the job performance of a specific individual pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4139b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, Spencer, and Reid present for 10 minutes until 1:14 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

GRANT WRITING DISCUSSION: Jonathan Clayton, Consultant, introduced himself and discussed services he offers in the areas of grant writing / administration and economic development. Comm. Dallke asked about expansion of internet services into more rural areas and this topic was discussed briefly.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Shop Supv. Tom Holub presented a road crossing permit for approval. Dallke moved to approve permit #2023-23 for Nex-Tech to place fiber optic and copper cable from the northeast corner of Alamo & 100th and continuing west approximately 1,300' in sections 17&18-21-01. Dallke moved to approve. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING DISCUSSION: Comm. Dallke asked the Board their preference regarding options to be presented by the building committee. The Board expressed interest in receiving multiple options and the estimated costs.

PUBLIC FORUM: Clarke Dirks stated that there is a wind farm attempting to expand into western Marion County and indicated that he and other citizens are opposed to further expansion. He presented a list of written questions to the Board and asked them to follow up with answers to the questions.

COUNTY COUNSELOR: Park & Lake Supt. Isaac Hett joined the session. Lake regulations and other matters pertaining to the Park & Lake were discussed with no action. Hett left the session.

- Jantz requested an executive session for contract negotiation. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4139b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for 20 minutes until 2:55 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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COUNTY COUNSELOR, CONTINUED: 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 and Jantz present for 15 minutes until 3:11 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: There were no Commission comments.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk