

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

November 6, 2023

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.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 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 \$4,920.50. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0 (check #'s 52645-52646).

- The Board discussed whether to close the Transfer Station on Saturday, November 11th in addition to the County's observed Veterans' Day holiday on Friday, November 10th. After discussion, Crofoot moved to have Transfer Station personnel work regular hours on Saturday, November 11th. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Dallke opposed.
- Sheriff Jeff Soye reported that a Dodge Durango that is under warranty needs a new motor, but Chrysler is refusing to honor the warranty. The repair will be more than \$10,000.00. The Board suggested looking into legal representation on the matter.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: John Deardoff, Deardoff Consulting, LLC, joined the session to review applications for the County Administrator position. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review applications for the County Administrator position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Deardoff present for one hour until 10:15 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Open session resumed with no action.
- The meeting recessed until 10:30 a.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING DISCUSSION: Chris Tillison, Alloy Architects, and Health Dept. Dir. Krista Schneider joined the session to discuss the next steps in the process for the health department building project. The Board discussed whether to proceed with Alloy Architecture for Phase III of the proposal, which includes detailed plans to include blueprints, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, engineering, etc. The proposed fee for this phase is \$80,900.00. Other options were also discussed, including a design-build option.

- Other topics discussed included termination of utilities, whether to bid out salvage materials, and whether to pursue financing for any portion of the project. No action was taken. Construction oversight fees were also discussed briefly with no action.
- Dallke moved to move forward with Alloy Architecture for Phase III at a fee of \$80,900.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.
- Mueller moved to approve the agreement between Marion County and Alloy Architecture for Phase III services, subject to staff review. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk