

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

November 27, 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 was Deputy Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: Lloyd Meier commented that he had fallen at his house on November 17th and had called 911 for assistance. After EMS arrived and helped Meier, Meier denied an ambulance transfer. Meier stated he was told that the next time he called for assistance and didn't take the ambulance, then he would be charged.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Salary sheets were signed for Madyson Foth, new EMT-B at \$14.23/hr. effective 11/28/2023.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of November 20th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

TRANSIENT GUEST TAX: Jeremy Ensey, Central Kansas Entrepreneurship Center Director at Tabor College, and Ciara Miller, Regional Director of Networks, Kansas, joined the meeting to discuss a proposed "Destination Creation" course. The four-night course would be open to business owners in Marion County and would focus on marketing with an emphasis on destination creation. Ensey requested \$8,174.00 in funding from County transient guest tax, which would pay half the cost of the course and meals. Hillsboro and Marion E-Communities will also contribute. After discussion, Becker moved to approve the request for funding of the Destination Creation Course through the Entrepreneurship Center in the amount of \$8,174.00 from transient guest tax, pending counsel review and account balance confirmation. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSION COMMENT: Comm. Gehring mentioned the fire chiefs would like to carry over 2023 rescue funds to be utilized in the next budget year for more purchasing flexibility of needed equipment. A formal request will be submitted.

ELECTION SECURITY PROJECT: Deputy Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich presented bids for proposed secure election space.

Proposed Secure Election Space					
	Vendor	Quote		Recommendation	Estimated Cost
Security aspects (access/cameras, etc.)	4PC	\$	25,000.00	Accept	\$ 25,000.00
Remodel of space	Jay Christensen	\$	6,050.00	Accept	\$ 6,050.00
	Gator Construction	\$	4,217.08		
	NF Construction	\$	41,186.00		
Re-work vault (if parts available)	Heartland Safe & Lock	\$	2,500.00	Accept	\$ 2,500.00
					\$ 33,550.00

After discussion, Gehring moved to accept the recommendations as presented in the amount of \$33,550.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0

PARK & LAKE: Park & Lake Supt. Isaac Hett provided information regarding the dam. Engineer Brian Severin from Sustainable Environmental Consultants (SEC) proposed surveying the dam at the end of December or the beginning of January. The estimated cost would be between \$1,000.00-\$1,200.00, which includes the survey and the report. Gehring moved to proceed with SEC for the services discussed at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Crofoot seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN REPORT: Mike Crane, representing Friends of the Marion County Lake, was present for an introductory discussion. Crane shared the history and mission of the group and expressed concern about the annual trailer park lot rent increase. The annual lot rent will increase from \$1,200.00/year to \$1,800.00/year beginning January 1, 2024.

PROPERTY DISCUSSION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board present for 15 minutes until 2:20 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk