

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

December 4, 2023

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. David Mueller, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Comm. Jonah Gehring was present for portions of the session via teleconference. 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:** Interim EMS Director Chuck Kenny requested to be appointed as the Program Manager for continuing education for Marion County EMS to continue to provide training to staff. Mueller moved to appoint Chuck Kenney as Program Manager. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Dallke moved to carry over \$26,000.00 in rescue funds from the 2023 EMS budget to the 2024 EMS budget. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Crofoot moved to approve the minutes of November 27<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. Becker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- A change order affecting the 2023 tax roll was reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Dallke moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$6,865.34. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0 (checks #52924-#52929).

**COURTHOUSE SECURITY AGREEMENT:** Steve Davis of SD Security presented an updated agreement for security services for the upcoming year. There were no changes from the prior agreement. Becker moved to approve the security agreement with SD Security. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**PERSONNEL DISCUSSION:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review an employment application for the EMS Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present until 12:58 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Supt. Steve Hudson and Shop Supervisor Tom Holub were present for department business. Hudson noted that roads are currently in rough condition due to recent snow and rain. He requested approval to contract some rock hauling. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with contract hauling if budgeted funds are available.

- Priorities for snow removal were discussed.
- Van and Linda Peters requested permission to upgrade the rock on a short stretch of roadway near their home, and to pay the cost difference above what the County would typically pay to place limestone gravel. After a lengthy discussion, Dallke moved to approve splitting the cost for delivery (and spreading) of approximately 50 tons of rock on 180<sup>th</sup> – from Falcon to just past the Peters' driveway. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Peters' will pay the invoice of \$36.00/ton and will request reimbursement from the County at \$18.00/ton for the approved section.
- Dallke moved to approve an invoice from Vance Brothers for micro-surfacing in the amount of \$1,219,110.05. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Dir. Marcy Hostetler reported that Marion County has been awarded \$24,474.00 in Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds. Becker moved to accept the EMPG funds in the amount of \$24,474.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Hostetler requested permission to purchase tables and chairs for the conference room at 1240 Commercial from remaining capital outlay funds in the Emergency Management budget for a total of \$2,089.50 from Sam's Club. Dallke moved to approve the purchase. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**PROPERTY ACQUISITION:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session for a preliminary property acquisition discussion pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3419b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for 15 minutes until 2:05 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Becker requested a five-minute lake rent discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

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