

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

December 11, 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 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:** Department revenue reports were reviewed.

- A change order affecting the 2023 tax roll was reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Crofoot moved to approve the minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup> Special and Regular meetings. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Dallke moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$7,395.65. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer reported that the Noxious Weed Department will be closed on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> due to staff shortage.
- A salary sheet was signed for Emma Simmons, part-time Administrative Specialist 1 in the Treasurer's Office effective 12/4/2023 at \$14.37/hour.

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING:** Dir. Lu Turk presented an update on department activities and thanked the Board on behalf of Marion County Senior Citizens for signing off on payables which included funding requests for senior center needs.

- Turk reported that the Department on Aging Office will be closed on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**AMBULANCE:** Interim Dir. Chuck Kenney was present for a quarterly update and department business.

- Becker moved to write-off \$6,746.48 in uncollectable accounts. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A settlement agreement between St. Luke Hospital and Marion County was presented by Kenney. Gehring moved to approve the Settlement Agreement & Release between Marion County and St. Luke Hospital District #1 pending staff review. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Kenney presented quotes from Western Associates for new reflective winter jackets for medical staff:
 

○ HI-Vis 3-in-1 Contrast Jacket	40qty	\$ 3,560.00
○ CornerStone ANSI 107 Class 3 Waterproof Ripstop	40qty	\$ 5,640.00
○ Kishigo Premium Black Series 2-in-1 Jacket	40qty	\$10,160.00

Gehring moved to authorize the purchase of the CornerStone ANSI jackets in the amount of \$5,640.00. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Kenney presented quotes from CDW-G for three computers for the department:

○ Dell OptiPlex 7010 micro	\$1,005.12 each	=	\$3,015.36
○ HP Elite Mini 600 G9 Desktop	\$1,176.09 each	=	\$3,528.27
○ Lenovo ThinkCentre M70g Gen 3 tiny	\$1,110.26 each	=	\$3,330.78
▪ Acer V7 V277 27" led monitor	\$ 109.73 each	=	\$ 329.19

Gehring moved to approve the purchase of three monitors and three Dell OptiPlex 7010 micro desktop computers as recommended by Kenney for a total of \$3,344.55. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Recently, a \$300.00 grant was awarded and used to purchase two small air compressors for use in the full-time stations.
- Kenney will be applying for a KRAF grant to be used toward the purchase of intubation equipment and i.v. pumps.

**COUNTY TREASURER:** Co. Treasurer Tina Groening was present for department business.

- Commercial Vehicle services were discussed. Currently Marion County does not provide these services.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss job performance of specific employees pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Groening, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 1:35 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- New banking signature cards were signed by Chr. Mueller.
- Mueller moved to adopt Resolution 2023-21, establishing authorized signers for the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Supt. Steve Hudson and Shop Supervisor Tom Holub were present for department business. Bids for three chainsaws, a trimmer, and one quick-cut saw were presented:

	<u>Chainsaws</u>	<u>Trimmer</u>	<u>Quick-cut Saw</u>	<u>Total w/discount</u>
Prairieland Partners, Marion	\$1,560.57	\$367.49	\$1,380.49	\$3,308.55
G&R Implements, Durham	\$2,186.97	\$529.99	\$1,649.99	\$4,148.60

Gehring moved to approve the apparent low bid from Prairieland Partners pending staff review. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Hudson asked whether the Board would allow temporary gates for cattle control at 90<sup>th</sup> west of Wagon Wheel. Hudson had no objection. Gehring moved to approve pursuant to the Superintendent's recommendation. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- **POLICY DISCUSSION – GRAVEL REQUESTS FOR DIRT ROADS / NON-RESIDENTIAL USE:** The County's current policy for private maintenance was reviewed. The Board noted that more discussion regarding the determining factors for gravel vs. dirt roads is needed.
  - Any existing agreements from the past regarding special road maintenance situations need to be reviewed by legal counsel.
  - The Board was in favor of developing an application for such requests.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Becker asked whether rumble strips could be installed on 190<sup>th</sup>, approaching Highway 77. It was noted that that section of road is under the jurisdiction of the State.

- Becker suggested that the Board put a three-year freeze on any additional rent increases at the Park & Lake. After discussion, Becker moved to freeze rental rates for three years. Dallke seconded and motion failed 2-3 with Crofoot, Gehring, and Mueller opposed.
- Dallke discussed County bid processes and requirements for building projects. It was noted that if a cost-plus building approach is allowed, a request for qualifications should be issued to multiple contractors.
- Board members discussed the Kansas Association of Counties conference.
- The Board thanked the County Clerks' staff for their work on the employee Christmas party.

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION REVIEW:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to review an application for the EMS Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Spencer present for five minutes until 3:10 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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

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

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David Mueller, Chairman

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**RESOLUTION 2023-21**

**Participation in and Authorized Signers for the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool**

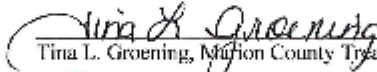
WHEREAS, the undersigned is a municipality (the "Depositor"), as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675, as amended, and from time to time has funds on hand in excess of current needs, and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the Depositor and its inhabitants to invest funds in investments that yield a favorable rate of return while providing the necessary liquidity and protection of the principal; and

WHEREAS, the Pooled Money Investment Board (the "PMIB"), operates the Municipal Investment Pool (MIP), a public funds investment pool, pursuant to Chapter 254 of the 1996 Session Laws of Kansas, and amendments thereto

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. That the municipality designated below approves the establishment of an account in its name in the MIP for the purpose of transmitting funds for investment, subject to the MIP Participation Policy adopted by the Pooled Money Investment Board, and municipality acknowledges it has received a current copy of such Participation Policy. The Depositor's taxpayer identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service is 48-6036498.
2. That the following individuals, whose signatures appear directly below, are officers or employees of the Depositor and are each hereby authorized to transfer funds for investment in the MIP and are each authorized to withdraw funds from time to time, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds:

  
Tina L. Groening, Marion County Treasurer

  
Julia Ensminger, Deputy County Treasurer

  
Tina D. Spencer, Marion County Clerk

3. Notice required by the PMIB's Municipal Investment Pool Depositor Policy shall be provided to the following Depositor Contact: Tina L. Groening, Marion County Treasurer  
[tgroening@marioncoks.net](mailto:tgroening@marioncoks.net) Phone: 620-382-2180  
 200 South Third St, Suite 102 Fax: 620-382-2160  
 Marion, KS 66861
4. That this Resolution and its authorization shall continue in full force and effect until amended or revoked by the Depositor and until the PMIB receives a copy of any such amendment or revocation, the PMIB is entitled to rely on same.

This resolution is hereby introduced and adopted by the Depositor at its regular meeting held December 11, 2023.

Marion County Commissioner, Marion County, KS

  
By: David Mueller, Chairman DATE: 12/11/2023

ATTEST:

  
Tina D. Spencer, Marion County Clerk

