

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

January 2, 2024

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 County 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.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION: State Representative Scott Hill noted that a primary focus for the Legislature will be property tax relief. Other matters discussed included County road projects, water supply / water treatment projects, and Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) funds. Gehring noted that he would be in favor of adopting a resolution that if the State returns LAVTR funds to the Counties that it would only be utilized for property tax relief in Marion County.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS): Interim Dir. Chuck Kenney requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss job performance of a specific individual pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Kenney, Spencer, and Jantz present for five minutes until 1:07 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PARK & LAKE – ELECTRICAL UPGRADE BIDS: Supt. Isaac Hett presented bids for an electrical upgrade to change from 30-amp to 50-amp RV pedestals in the campground west of the Lake Hall.

Funk Electric, Inc.	\$48,448.10
Kansas Electric, Inc.	\$95,660.00 (included additional expansion beyond bid request)

After discussion, Becker moved to award the bid to Funk Electric in the amount of \$48,448.10 for the campground electrical upgrade as outlined. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/hiring pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for five minutes until 1:30 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Jantz left the meeting.

Mueller moved to recess into executive session for an employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Spencer and a candidate present for 30 minutes until 2:01 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to recess back into executive session to continue an employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Spencer and a candidate present for 30 minutes until 2:32 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ASPHALT DISCUSSION: Mueller noted that there may be an opportunity to complete additional asphalt work within the County in 2024 at a reasonable cost because multiple asphalt plants will be onsite in the County. Mueller noted that he would like to bring information back for Board consideration at an upcoming meeting regarding additional projects for the northern part of the County. Other Commissioners were encouraged to bring back information regarding roads in their own districts, if desired.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: There were no Commission comments.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk