

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

January 8, 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 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.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Crofoot moved to appoint Mueller as Chairman of the Board for 2024. Gehring seconded. Discussion ensued. Becker and Dallke noted that all members of the Board should serve as Chairman on a rotating basis. Many opportunities for learning and growth come with the position. Motion carried 3-2 with Dalke and Becker opposed.

- Dallke moved to appoint Crofoot as Vice Chairman for 2024. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Becker moved to adopt Resolution 2024-01 establishing the mileage rate for conducting County business in personal vehicles at the IRS rate of .67/mile. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Salaries of elected officials were discussed. Crofoot moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02 establishing the salaries of Marion County elected officials. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to deposit funds in all Marion County banks authorized by law. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Salary sheets were signed for: Landis Goodman – change from part-time to full-time Deputy Sheriff from \$21.20/hour to \$21.64/hour effective 1/17/2024; Clayton Philpott - new Deputy Sheriff at \$20.91/hour effective 12/22/2023; Austin Spencer - new Deputy Sheriff at \$21.32/hour effective 1/6/2024; Jesse Raney – new Deputy Sheriff at \$20.91/hour effective 1/15/2024; Jamie Shirley – extension of interim pay at \$4,222.00/mo. until EMS Director position is filled effective 12/21/2023; Tegan Decker – change from EMT-B to Paramedic from \$15.56/hour to \$18.17/hour effective 1/4/2024.
- Change orders affecting 2023 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.

COUNTY TREASURER: Co. Treasurer Tina Groening reported that a USD 408 student is interested in a work-study within the Treasurer's Office. The Board expressed support. Session recessed until 1:10 p.m.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Supt. Steve Hudson and Administrative Coordinator John Beal joined the session to discuss planned work for 2024 including blade patching, chip seal, and micro-surfacing projects. Beal provided the most recent traffic counts available for County roads. Mueller was interested in seeing if the County could bid out 8.75 miles of asphalt overlay. Potential roads were discussed with no action. Additional information will be gathered, including budget information for the Capital Improvement fund, for an upcoming meeting.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT: Dir. Krista Schneider and Chris Tillison of Alloy Architecture joined the session. It is time for the County to determine whether they will utilize a Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) format or a Design, Bid, Build (DBB) format for the actual construction portion of the project. After discussion, Dallke moved to utilize the CMAR format. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed. It was noted that an RFP should be developed and utilized for contractor selection.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the project agreement with Dondlinger and Sons for the economic development project on 290th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Becker moved to appoint Doug Taylor as a Marion County representative for North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Testimony on SB196, which would return LAVTR to Counties for property tax relief was reviewed by the Board. A slight wording change was requested. Dallke moved to approve the testimony with a slight wording change. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of December 29th and January 2nd. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the Facilities & Technology Operations Director position. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/hiring pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters for non-elected personnel with the Board and Spencer present for five minutes until 2:41 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to conduct an employment interview for the Facilities & Technology Operations Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Spencer, and an applicant (via teleconference) for 30 minutes until 3:15 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to hire Coby Hayes for the Facilities & Technology Operations Director with a salary of \$95,000.00 / year effective January 16, 2024 to accomplish several critical security and technological projects in a timely manner. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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 3:17 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2024-01

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILEAGE RATE FOR COUNTY BUSINESS
CONDUCTED IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.**

WHEREAS, Marion County provides county-owned vehicles to their employees when traveling for county business; and

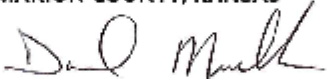
WHEREAS, the designated county-owned vehicles are not always available and the employee must drive their personal vehicle for county business; and

WHEREAS, the standard mileage rate for businesses set by the Internal Revenue Service is currently at 67.0 cents per mile.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the mileage rate paid to County officials and County employees traveling on county business, in personal vehicles, be established at 67.0 cents per mile, effective January 1st, 2024.

This resolution, upon motion duly made and seconded, passed this 8th day of January, 2024.

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MARION COUNTY, KANSAS**


David Mueller, Chairman – District 2

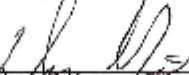
☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Kent Becker, Member – District 1

☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Randy Dalke, Member – District 3

☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Dave Crofoot, Member – District 4

☐ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain


Jerah Gehring, Member – District 5

☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain

ATTEST:


Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2024-02

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF
MARION COUNTY, KANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2024.**

WHEREAS, Marion County, Kansas is a county municipal government and it is the duty of the County Commission to establish salaries on an annual basis for all elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission is now prepared to establish salaries for all elected County Officials in accordance with the County's Compensation and Classification Policy,

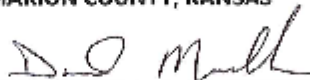
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas that the following salaries for elected County officials for the calendar year 2024 are hereby established effective for the January 2024 pay period which began December 21, 2023:

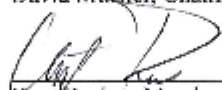
County Attorney	\$75,920	County Sheriff	\$71,802
County Clerk	\$72,945	County Treasurer	\$59,134
County Commissioners	\$18,096	Register of Deeds	\$56,347


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk's salary will change to \$63,170 (step one of grade E3) effective February 1, 2024, due to the implementation of the County Administrator position.


ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas, this 8th day of January 2024.

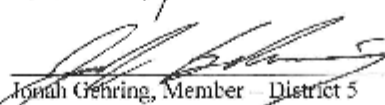
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 ☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain
 David Mueller, Chairman – District 2

 ☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain
 Kent Becker, Member – District 1

 ☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain
 Randy Ballke, Member – District 3

 ☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain
 Dave Crofoot, Member – District 4

 ☒ Yea
☐ Nay
☐ Abstain
 Jonah Gehring, Member – District 5



ATTEST:


 Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk