

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

February 12, 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. Present for portions of the meeting were Deputy Co. Clerk Michelle Looper, Co. Admin Tina Spencer, Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** April 19<sup>th</sup> is the possible date for closing the courthouse for staff training, active shooter, and appreciation lunch.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of February 5<sup>th</sup>. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Change orders affecting 2023 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Spencer asked if any board members would like to attend the Awards Ceremony on February 22 in Kansas City, MO. to receive the award for excellence in paving. Dallke suggested asking the engineer Darrin Neufeld from EBH if he would like someone to attend.
- A salary sheet was signed for Andrew Pompa, new AEMT at \$15.69/hr. effective 2/22/2024.
- Spencer informed the Board that the County did receive notification and payment of \$2,000 from KCAMP for a risk management grant.
- Gehring moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$5,421.15 (check #55891-55892). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to adopt Resolution 2024-6 appointing a voting member and alternate to the south-central region homeland security council for Marion County. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the recommended purchase of two laptops, one for the county clerk for \$1225.90 and one for the county commission chambers for \$934.67. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer presented two 77" smart tv's in the amount of \$3,733.98 for the conference room/command center for emergency management. Gehring moved to approve the recommended purchase for emergency management from the capital outlay budget. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the request up to \$3,500.00 to purchase furniture presented for the emergency management director's office. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A testimony from Chairman Mueller was presented. Senator Wilborn asked for a letter of support for SB 431 directing the capitol preservation committee to approve plans for a memorial honoring Emil Joseph Kapaun. The consensus of the board is to submit the testimony.
- Mueller asked if any board members looked at the storage facility in Hillsboro for Emergency Management. The consensus of the Board is to add Emergency Management storage and trailers to the agenda for Feb 26.

**WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING:** Dir. Josh Housman presented the weed eradication report to be signed and submitted to the state. Gehring moved to approve the report. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Housman presented the 2024 management plan for signatures. Gehring moved to approve the management plan. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to approve up to \$200 to help with items for the Scholarship fund. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Housman informed the board that Butler County started on January 1<sup>st</sup> charging \$20 for a set of box springs and mattresses. Charging citizens or cities was discussed. Spencer is to give the cities a prenotification. Housman and Spencer are to bring a plan back to the board.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Adm. Coordinator John Beal was present for department business. Beal informed the board only one grant was awarded for the 290<sup>th</sup> West project. The HRRR grant was awarded in the amount of \$800,000. The 6-mile project for building, structure, and widening totals \$5 million. The cost share deadline is March 19. Mueller, Crofoot, and Spencer will meet with Road & Bridge and Engineer Darrin Neufeld of EBH on how to proceed with the project.

**SECURITY DISCUSSION:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss physical security pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (13) for matters related to security measures with the Board, Spencer, Coby, and Jantz present for 15 minutes until 1:45 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss physical security pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (13) for matters related to security measures with the Board, Spencer, Coby, and Jantz present for ten minutes until 1:58 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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**SECURITY DISCUSSION, CONTINUED:** Gehring moved to relocate the election room needs to the basement in the old Road & Bridge west office. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Gehring moved to locate the county administrator's office and needs to the northwest office of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**EMS DIRECTOR DISCUSSION:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss 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 for 15 minutes until 2:18 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COUNTY COUNSELOR:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss active litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for 20 minutes until 2:40 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for 15 minutes until 3:00 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Jantz provided updates on ongoing legal matters and tasks.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Becker asked for an update on the tax deduction form for farmers. Spencer recently received the application and receipt from Jantz.

- Becker would like to attend the Road & Bridge meeting on the 290<sup>th</sup> West project.
- Crofoot asked about the meeting for the RFP on the Public Health Building. The special meeting will be on Thursday February 15 at 9:00 a.m. A ranking committee to review the RFP consists of Spencer, Gehring, Coby Hayes, and the architect.

**EVALUATIONS:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss department head evaluations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters non-elected personnel with the Board and Spencer present for 30 minutes until 3:45 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Becker suggested receiving audit reports from each bank or know each banks capital position.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ashley Herpich, County Clerk

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Resolution No. 2024-06

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A VOTING MEMBER AND ALTERNATE TO THE  
SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MARION  
COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, Marion County is a member of the South-Central Region Homeland Security Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County Emergency Management Director Marcy Hostetler and Deputy Emergency Management Director Daniel Schaefer are members of the South-Central Region Homeland Security Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS**, that Marcy Hostetler is hereby appointed to be the voting member of the South-Central Region Homeland Security Council for Marion County and Daniel Schaefer is hereby appointed to be the alternate voting member.

So proclaimed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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David Mueller, Chairman – District 2

☒ Yea  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain



Kent Becker, Member – District 1

☒ Yea  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain



Randy Dallke, Member – District 3

☒ Yea  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain



Dave Crofoot, Member – District 4

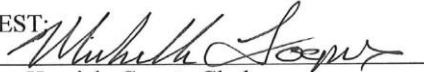
☒ Yea  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain



Jonah Gehring, Member – District 5

☒ Yea  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain

ATTEST:



Ashley Herpich, County Clerk  
by Michelle Looper, Deputy

