

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

February 20, 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 Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich, Co. Admin Tina Spencer, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: Chris Guhr asked what was in the folders last week being signed, read the code of ethics of the Board, and read the letter to the editor in the Free Press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of February 12th and February 15th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of February 16th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$383.88 (check #55893). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve early payroll checks in the amount of \$1,292.99. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0 (checks #45896-45899).
- Change orders affecting 2023 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Chairman Mueller signed the title for the 2021 Steco SWO-45 Steel Walking Floor Open 45' LX Trailer.
- Gehring moved to approve pay application #4 for the remodel project at 1240 Commercial Drive in the amount of \$67,469.28. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Transport Fuel Bids were presented:

	Clear Diesel 4,500 gals.	Dyed Diesel 1,700 gals.	Unleaded 1,500 gals.	Total
Fleet Fuels, El Dorado	3.129	2.879	2.489	\$22,708.30
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	3.1445	2.8941	2.5377	\$22,876.77

Becker moved to approve the bid from Fleet Fuels in the amount of \$22,708.30. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to allow the County Administrator to select and approve transport and area fuel bids, then report back to the Board. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer presented an amended agreement for the architectural services for the new Health Department Building on 1220 East Main. This would amend the existing agreement for the architect to have construction oversight. The proposed amount is \$17,500, less than 25% of the overall design fee. Crofoot moved to accept the amended contract with Alloy Construction of \$17,500. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

BROADBAND GRANT: Community & Public Relations Manager James Krstolich from IdeaTek discussed the Acceleration Grant program of fiber high speed internet for the Burns community. The program is to address the critical broadband needs in rural communities. If the grant is awarded, Krstolich requested a \$12,500 donation from the county. Mike Hammonn, Mayor of Burns informed the board that Burns will pay \$10,000 matching funds over a 5-year period. Gehring moved to approve to pledge \$12,500 for fiber internet if grant is awarded. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION DISCUSSION: Co. Appraiser Nikki Reid, Hillsboro City Admin Matt Stiles, and Larry & Joy Smith, owner of Hillsboro Self Storage were present for discussion. Spencer provided valuation and tax information on each project. After discussion on whether to allow the late NR application, the Board consensus is to follow the policy and not to allow any late applications.

Gehring would like to look at different programs. Spencer will research information and bring it back to the Board.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Claudio Faundez with Blue Cross Blue Shield presented the County's renewal. There is an overall increase of 18.45%. Other options, including partial self-funding were also presented. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed until 3:20 p.m.

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 and Spencer present for 15 minutes until 3:40 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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EMS DIRECTOR DISCUSSION, CONTINUED: 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, Spencer, and candidate present for 20 minutes until 4:05 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Crofoot left at 4:05.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: There were no commission comments.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ashley Herpich, County Clerk