

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

March 11, 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, Coby Hayes, Brice Goebel, members of the public, and members of the press.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Dallke moved to approve the minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$259.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Checks # 56141-56142)
- Change orders affecting 2023 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Becker moved to appoint Kevin Larson to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for Prairie View. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer reported that EMS Dir. Chuck Kenney is requesting to return to using EMScharts for patient care reports and associated functions. The purchase would cost \$3,016.44/year with a five-year contract (billed annually). Mueller moved to approve the purchase of the EMScharts in the amount of \$3,016.44/year with a five-year contract. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to approve the recommended letters of support for the 290<sup>th</sup> project. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer asked for clarification on if the board would like to add asphalt to the ¾ mile on Old Mill from Highway 56 and 190<sup>th</sup> and include it as one asphalt bid package. Dallke moved to include the ¾ mile into the asphalt bids. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- How to proceed with reviewing employee evaluations was discussed. The board prefers the administrator to review and sign off. The board can review independently in the county administrator's office.
- How to proceed with department heads meeting with the board was discussed. The consensus of the board is for department heads to come in as need arises.
- Spencer presented a road crossing permit for approval. Request from Moundridge Telephone Co. to place fiber optic cable within Marion County, south of Goessel. Gehring moved to approve the road crossing permit #2024-01. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- There will be a broadband meeting at the Peabody Library on March 26.
- Youth leadership will be meeting March 21<sup>st</sup> and would like to have a special meeting with the Board. The celebration for the youth will be March 25<sup>th</sup> and the board is invited.
- Mueller would like to attend the KAC Commissioner's meeting.

**1220 E MAIN DEMOLITION BID AWARD:** The board discussed the bids for the 1220 E Main demolition project. The recommendation was Hett Construction. Dallke moved to approve Hett Construction to demo at \$12,400.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Dir. Krista Schneider and Cody Nelson from Nelson Fowles were present. The building committee met to discuss the VE options and reported back to the board. The consensus of the Board is to go with the committee's recommendations of the VE options.

- The funding and building cost were reviewed. Mueller moved to approve using funds from the Diamond Vista fund. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller moved to approve the committee recommendation of the VE options that have been selected by the committee and the fire system and data savings. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Crofoot moved to proceed with Cody Nelson with Nelson Fowles to ordering a pre engineered building with the best price. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller thanked the committee for all the time put into the project and taking on the task.

**COUNTY COUNSELOR:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session for 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 25 minutes until 1:50 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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**COUNTY COUNSELOR, continued:** Mueller moved to recess into executive session for 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 5 minutes until 1:56 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board, Spencer, Jantz present for 6 minutes until 2:05 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel performance 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 2:21 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Dallke thanked the Board for moving ahead on the health department building project and believes it's a good thing.

- Gehring mentioned how all valuations are going up, that we have valuable key individuals who will help prepare a tighter budget.
- Mueller added with the new position that was recently created (Facilities and Technology Operations Director) we are seeing effects of how the position is saving funds for the county.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ashley Herpich, County Clerk