

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

March 25, 2024

**CANVASS 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION:** Commission met in special session at 10:00 a.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. The purpose of the meeting was to canvass the March 19, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary Election. Also present were Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich, Deputy Co. Clerk Michelle Looper, and Co. Admin Tina Spencer.

Preliminary results were provided for review. Herpich reviewed the Election Summary Report. Provisional ballot situations were reviewed. Gehring moved to accept provisional ballots eligible to be counted. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Provisional ballots were opened and scanned.
- Results by precinct were reviewed and provisional votes were added into the vote totals by precinct.
- Gehring moved to accept and certify the results. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Mueller moved to adjourn the canvass. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Canvass adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

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

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Commission met in regular session at 11:00 a.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.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING DISCUSSION:** Cody Nelson of NF Construction and Facilities/Tech Ops. Dir. Coby Hayes were present to review concerns and decisions made regarding the Health Department Building project. VE options were reviewed again to see if some options should be put back into the project. Mueller moved to approve the recommendation of Spencer, Nelson, and Hayes to reinstate masonry, metal reduction, and high walls at the approximate cost of \$63,800 and the windfarm funds are to be used. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed. Session recessed until 12:30.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Gehring moved to approve the minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> with text amendments. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting 2023 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Spencer presented a road crossing permit for approval. Request from Glen Enszt to install bore under 130<sup>th</sup> for installation of waterline & electrical service for livestock. Gehring moved to approve the road crossing permit #2024-2. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Fire chiefs are looking into clarification on interpretation of the burning resolution for Marion County and plan to draft a new resolution in the fall.
- The board signed the cancellation of agreement of the HRRR 290<sup>th</sup>.
- Gehring moved to approve the grant application for the Health Department. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Lease agreement for the EM equipment storage was presented for signatures. The agreement begins April 1, 2024, for \$1500/mo. Crofoot moved to approve the chairman to sign the lease agreement. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Crofoot approved charging \$15.00/mattress to haul to Butler. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- 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 seven minutes until 1:00 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**PLANNING & ZONNING:** Dir. Sharon Omstead presented a request for a special event permit for the Florence Grand Prix race. Present on behalf of Flint Hills Bent Rims were Board Chairman Bruce Skiles and Board Members Mike O'Dell and Patty Putter. After discussion, Becker moved to approve the special events application for Florence Grand Prix. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**COUNTY COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz updated the Board regarding ongoing attorney/client matters.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss current litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, Spencer present for five minutes until 1:27 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Comm. Becker mentioned the Road and Bridge regional meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Comm. Becker, Comm. Mueller, Co. Admin. Spencer, and Road & Bridge personnel will attend.

- Dallke mentioned there has not been discussion lately on the process and policy of mobile homes.
- Dallke discussed receiving a report on the jail of yearly maintenance and utilities for the building.
- Gehring reiterates that there are good ideas from the public on the health department. The county is investing approximately \$200,000 of federal dollars and intends to bring that money back to the county.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

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Ashley Herpich, County Clerk