

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

April 28, 2023

Commission met for payday at 9:00 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. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Sheriff Jeff Soyez, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

OPIOID GRANT APPLICATION: Soyez and Spencer discussed the Kansas Fights Addiction (KFA) grant application that is being prepared in conjunction with Prairie View. The grant, if approved, would fund a position in the jail that would coordinate substance abuse and mental health services for inmates as well as case management and mental health services through Prairie View. Mueller moved to submit a grant application up to \$200,000.00 as outlined. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve a bill of sale to transfer the Safe Kids trailer to the City of Marion (Fire Department) for use by all fire departments in the County. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of February was received in the amount of \$100,238.44.

PAYDAY: The monthly comp-time report was reviewed. A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. Gehring moved to approve payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$935.36. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Dallke moved to approve the grand total payday at \$1,414,024.62 (including payroll at \$632,918.30). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Checks #50922-51136; voided checks #50949, 51030.)

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring mentioned that bottles made by Container Services in Hillsboro can be found all over the country.

- Dallke expressed concern about some parcels being taxed at agricultural rate even though there have been no crops produced on the land.
- Mueller discussed the Kansas County Commissioners Association conference that he attended. Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) funds and County & City Revenue Sharing (CCRS) funds were discussed. These are statutorily required to be provided to counties; however, have not been funded by the State for several years. With the budget surplus at the state level, there will be a push by Counties for the State to meet the statutory requirement for funding.
- The Board discussed the possibility of touring Marion County businesses on a quarterly basis.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk