## Marshall County Commissioners

The Board of Marshall County Commissioners met in regular session June 9, 2025 with Jon Ungerer, chairman, Greg Meyer, member, Austin Cline, member, and County Clerk Sandy Wilson present. Chris Pannbacker from the *Marysville Advocate* was present for the meeting.

Commissioner Ungerer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Austin Cline, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025 meeting and the agenda for today's meeting. Unanimous.

Public Works Administrator Mike Craig met with the board.

Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Greg Meyer, to approve the following purchase order. Unanimous. Murphy Tractor Co. Inc., Topeka, KS, for service call and labor to repair #724F, \$2,361.90-Road and Bridge Fund-P.O. #109688.

Commissioner Cline was called with a concern with a concrete bridge in Noble Township on 29th Road. Public Works Administrator Mike Craig will take a look at the structure.

Austin Cline moved, seconded by Greg Meyer, to approve the following purchase orders. Unanimous. Spellmeier Auto, Marysville, KS, for maintenance on vehicles, \$2,855.14-County General (Sheriff) Fund-P.O. #7385; Concordance Healthcare, for health supplies, \$1,768.11-State Formula Fund-P.O. #7507; Voracek Law, Seneca, KS, for contract attorney fees, \$3,250.00-District Court Fund-P.O. #7522.

Greg Meyer moved, seconded by Austin Cline, to approve Neighborhood Revitalization application from Melissa Sandmann for the construction of a new home at 1394 21st Road, Beattie, KS. Unanimous.

Wayne Kruse with OneMarysville met with the board to discuss passing a resolution to designate US-36 through Marysville as a Pony Express Historic Byway.

The Pony Express Historic Byway begins in Elwood, KS, traveling westward through northeastern Kansas, closely following the path once taken by Pony Express riders along US-36. The route turns south at Troy along KS-7 and then follows KS-20, through Everest and Horton. From there. it turns north on KS-75 until meeting back up with US-36 to the west of Fairview. The route then continues west on US-36 through Seneca, and Marysville, and into Washington County where it turns north at KS-148. The route goes past Hanover, and finally turns back east at KS-243 and ending at the Hollenberg Pony Express Station.

Greg Meyer moved, seconded by Jon Ungerer, to approve Resolution #20-25-06-09-1 declaring that portion of US Hwy 36 that runs through Marysville as Pony Express Historic Byway.

County Counselor Anthony Bruna met with the board.

Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Greg Meyer, to go into executive session per KSA 75-4319(b)(2) to discuss matters of attorney-client privileged discussions – potential litigation with the board, County Counselor Anthony Bruna, Public Works Administrator Mike Craig and County Clerk Sandy Wilson present to return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:45. Unanimous.

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Bob Voet, Leslie Holthaus and Allen Harries with Marshall County Soil Conservation met with the board to discuss their 2026 budget request. The 2026 request is \$45,000 which is the same as 2025.

Bryan Pekarek met with the board to discuss the circumstances of his removal from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Mr. Pekarek provided letters from his lending institution showing that his taxes began being held in escrow in December of 2024 and the bank was responsible for paying the second half of the taxes. The first half of the taxes were paid in a timely manner by Mr. Pekarek. Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Greg Meyer, to re-instate Bryan and Lana Pekarek into the Neighborhood Revitalization Program with no interruptions in

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No action taken as a result of these executive sessions.

Agency on Aging Director Ashley Slupianek met with the board to provide a meal and transportation update. The board discussed the lawn keeping bill and asked Mrs. Slupianek to check other providers to compare pricing. Director Slupianek also stated that Twin Valley will no longer be providing cleaning services and she will be seeking bids for a replacement cleaner. Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Austin Cline, to approve vouchers as presented and issue manual warrants. Unanimous.

Appraiser Tami Antoine and Human Resources Amanda Svoboda met with the board.

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Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Greg Meyer, to approve Resolution #20-25-06-09-2 establishing and appointing Tamara J. Antoine as a full-time appraiser from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 at the rate of \$75,000. Unanimous.

Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Austin Cline, to approve a step raise for Chris Felder from Clk I St I at \$20.81/hour to Clk I St II at \$21.18/hour effective June 26, 2025. Unanimous.

Jon Ungerer moved, seconded by Austin Cline, to approve Donna Alwin as a permanent part-time employee to work up to 20 hours per week and Elena Kramer as temporary part-time through mid August. Unanimous.

Appraiser Tami Antoine presented her budget request for 2026 in the amount of \$300,976 which is an increase from last year. The increase will likely be absorbed by the cash carry over from previous years, allowing the levy to stay stable.

Greg Meyer moved, seconded by Austin Cline, to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m. Unanimous. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, beginning at 8:30 a.m.



First Saturday of Each Month as of August 2025: 8 a.m.—2 p.m. Last load no later than ½ hour prior to closing.