MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting

November 24, 2026

Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

Attend in-person at the MARC Offices 801 Pennsylvania Ave. Ste 400, Kansas City, MO 64105 or with a remote option via Zoom.

Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting please email marcinfo@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. **Approve contracts, grants, and other major expenditures**

Exemplary Core Capacities

a) REPORT: Overview of MARC's revised 2026 and proposed 2027 budget

Healthy Environment

b) VOTE: Approve the FY2027 Memorandum of Understanding totaling $821,450 with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District.
c) VOTE: Authorize $300,000 subrecipient agreement with Wichita State University to monitor indoor air quality for childcare facilities.
d) VOTE: Authorize contracts with the remaining 17 nonprofit organizations to implement the US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Program.

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

e) VOTE: Approve proposal submission not to exceed $250,000 to the Jackson County Senior Fund for the first round of community grants that will support older adults in Jackson County.

Quality Early Learning

f) VOTE: Approve Head Start site enrollment changes for the 2026-2027 program year.

Safe and Secure Communities

g) VOTE: Approval of agreement extensions with GeoComm Maps and GIS Data Hub to enhance mapping accuracy and next generation 911 support.
h) VOTE: Authorize the purchase of Layer 3 routing switch hardware from SHI for regional 911 sites.

2. **VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matter and Minor Expenditures)**
   a) Approve the minutes of October 27, 2026, meeting
3. **Other business**
4. **Adjournment**

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, December 15, 2026

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

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AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

November 2026
Item No. 1a
Exemplary Core Capacities

REPORT: Overview of MARC's revised 2026 and proposed 2027 budget

BACKGROUND:
Budget development this year has followed our normal process. Key committees reviewed their accomplishments and identified goals for the upcoming year. Some, such as 911, OGL and the Solid Waste Management District, developed their own 2027 budgets, which are folded into this MARC budget. Grant applications and large expenditures approved by the Board and B&P Committee for this year and into 2027 are included in the 2026R/2027 budget process. MARC staff also held planning sessions on each policy goal area and prepared a comprehensive summary of 2026 accomplishments and priority work for 2027. As is our practice, we use this process to direct resources toward the policy goal areas that support the regional vision. Our 2027 work is based on five themes: adapting to a changing funding environment, turning regional plans into lasting results, building lasting regional capacity, supporting local governments through change and modernizing systems, technology and data.

Staff entered budget numbers in August, projecting revenues and expenses for grants and fee-based programs for the revised 2026 budget and the 12-month 2027 budget. Staff also completed a comprehensive computation to confirm that personnel budgets in grants match the staffing costs those grants require. A first draft of the budget document will be complete by Tuesday, and over the next few weeks staff will continue to refine the numbers and finalize detailed financial charts.

The 2027 Budget and Work Plan document will once again follow the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award format, with the goal of clearly communicating our financial condition and operations to the public. At its meeting, the Budget and Personnel Committee will review the Budget Highlights section, which provides narratives on the most significant information in the Revised 2026 and Proposed 2027 Budget. At the Board meeting, staff will review the policy goal workplans and highlight the projects that will be particularly impactful in 2027.

Please review the document over the next few weeks and send any questions to staff. The December Board meeting will include high-level financial information, and the Budget and Personnel Committee meeting will include detail on the sources and uses of revenue.

EXHIBITS:
The DRAFT 2026 Revised Budget and Proposed 2027 Budget will be posted at this link once available.

RECOMMENDATION
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Erika Benitez, Finance Director
Darlene Pickett, Accountant III
Amanda Rehani, Grant Manager

AGENDA REPORT

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November 2026
Item No. 1b
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Approve the FY2027 Memorandum of Understanding totaling $821,450 with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has provided administration, planning and financial services to the MARC Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) since its inception. Each year, MARC renews its Memorandum of Understanding with the District to implement the agreed upon work plan for the coming year. The District Board authorized the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding for 2027 at its November 18, 2026, meeting.

MARC serves as the fiscal agent for the district's allocation, interest income funds, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program funds. MARC will manage special projects as approved by the district's executive board, such as regional education and regional solid waste planning, to utilize these funds. MARC also administers the district grant program and the HHW program.

Staff will provide an overview of the District's recent accomplishments and a preview of their upcoming work plan.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Memorandum of Understanding provides $821,449.50 from the annual allocation to compensate MARC for services provided to the district. The budget will support approximately 3.3 FTE MARC staff.

REVENUES	
Amount	$821,450
Source	MDNR Funds allocated to District

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$542,605
Contractual	$153,000
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$125,845

COMMITTEE ACTION

The MARC Solid Waste Management District Executive Committee will consider this MOU on November 18, 2026.

EXHIBITS

FY 2027 SWMD MOU

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all Missouri counties in the MARC region.

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve the FY2027 Memorandum of Understanding with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Dianna Bryant, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

AGENDA REPORT

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November 2026
Item No. 1c
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Authorize $300,000 subrecipient agreement with Wichita State University to monitor indoor air quality for childcare facilities.

BACKGROUND

Childcare providers are responsible for the quality of air in occupied rooms but rarely have the engineering staff, building automation systems, or resources to determine which operational action will improve it. A low-cost monitor may identify elevated carbon dioxide (CO_2) or fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$), yet does not explain whether the appropriate response is to increase outdoor air, control an indoor source, operate a portable air purifier, or combine measures. The problem is acute in both center-based childcare and home-based daycare, where equipment, building configurations, and the authority to change HVAC operation vary widely. In addition, outdoor smoke and particle pollution create a recurring conflict: increasing outdoor-air ventilation can lower CO_2 while introducing $PM_{2.5}$.

Researchers from Wichita State University (WSU) have invited MARC to serve as a strategic partner in their application to the National Science Foundation (NSF) for funding to research and support indoor air quality improvements in center-based childcare and home-based daycare facilities in the bi-state Kansas City metropolitan area.

If the proposal is selected for funding, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) intends to collaborate as a subrecipient with WSU and its Environmental Finance Center (EFC) over the three-year project. MARC will contribute childcare-sector knowledge, provider relationships, and regional outreach capacity to connect indoor air quality research with practical childcare operations.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- MARC will assist recruitment toward the goal of 40 Kansas City-area childcare centers and family childcare homes through its provider networks, individual outreach, mailed materials, newsletters, and social media. MARC will advise EFC on provider-appropriate language, messaging, and outreach methods. Staff will participate in initial site visits with WSU to discuss facility needs and monitoring procedures and, following training, conduct visits and assist monitoring-system setup with WSU technical support as needed. MARC will help develop provider training and survey activities and review the project evaluation plan.
- MARC will maintain communication with participating providers, reinforce indoor air quality education, support retention, and assist additional recruitment if needed. Staff will help communicate intervention procedures and gather provider feedback on feasibility and implementation barriers. MARC will encourage completion of project evaluations to inform refinement of the tool and its supporting resources.
- MARC will promote the tool through regular provider visits, newsletters, and existing communication networks; distribute implementation and training materials; and encourage completion of project evaluations. MARC anticipates participating with the project team in one to two conferences in Kansas or nearby states.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$300,000
Source	National Science Foundation Grant

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$289,200
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$1,800

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the executive director to sign a subrecipient agreement with WSU to provide complementary services for their National Science Foundation Grant and to accept funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACTS

Provide name(s) in a bulleted list.

- Doug Norsby, Senior Environmental Planner
- Karen Clawson, Air and Mobility Programs Manager
- Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
- Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

AGENDA REPORT

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November 2026
Item No. 1d
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Authorize contracts with the remaining 17 nonprofit organizations to implement the US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Program.

BACKGROUND:
In May 2024, the Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation (MARC CSC) Board authorized acceptance of a grant from the US Department of Energy, Renew America's Nonprofits, in the amount of $4,734,755. The grant was matched with $1.5 million in private funds from four area foundations.

In June 2026, the MARC Budget and Personnel Committee and MARC Board heard a report on the status of the US Department of Energy Renew America's Nonprofits grant program and authorized agreements with the first 11 nonprofit organizations for energy improvements to their buildings.

MARC has submitted the remaining 17 nonprofit buildings to DOE to proceed with improvements. The improvements include HVAC replacements and controls, LED lighting, building envelope sealing and other repairs.

Organization	**Improvement**	**Dollar Estimate**
Blue Hills Community Dev.	LED lighting, HVAC, duct sealing, and weatherization	$85,000
Center for Developmentally Disabled	LED lighting, roof replacement & insulation	$200,000
Community Services League	LED lighting, HVAC replacement, refrig/freezer	$200,000
Cross-Lines Cooperative Outreach	HVAC replacement, LED lighting	$110,000
Don Bosco Center	Door, ductwork insulation, HVAC	$120,000
El Centro	HVAC controls, aerosol, lighting, roof insulation, windows, doors	$200,000
Footprints	Weatherization, HVAC, windows	$75,000
Full Employment Council	HVAC replacement, LED lighting	$200,000
Habitat for Humanity	HVAC, LED lighting, garage door replacement, ductwork	$85,000
Healing House	HVAC, lighting, ductwork, windows	$85,000
Independence Avenue Christian Church	Windows, LED lighting, ductwork, insulation	$200,000
Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council	LED lighting, ductwork, HVAC	$90,000
Rediscover	HVAC, roof replacement, insulation	$175,000
Safe Home	LED lighting, HVAC replacement, controls, water heater	$200,000
Shawnee Mission Unitarian Church	LED lighting, electrical panel, HVAC upgrades	$175,000
Vernon Multipurpose Center	Windows	$100,000
Vineyard Neighborhood Assoc.	HVAC, lighting, ductwork, window solar film	$75,000

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
Some projects may have higher bid estimates; no one building will receive more than $200,000. If additional funds remain, there are 3 nonprofits that have been selected as backup for support.

REVENUES	
Amount 3-Year Grant Awarded to MARC CSC DOE Federal Funds Local foundations	 $4,734,755 $1,500,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect) Office rent	$867,066 30,500
Contractual	$924,591
Pass-Through Some projects may have higher bid estimates; no one building will receive more than $200,000 If additional funds remain, there are 3 other nonprofits that have been selected as backup for support.	Nonprofit organizations: $4,395,806
Other (supplies, mileage, stipends)	$16,792

RECOMMENDATION:
Authorize MARC and MARC CSC to execute agreements with the 17 nonprofit organizations listed above.

STAFF CONTACT:
- Beth Dawson, Planning Sustainable Places Program Manager
- Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

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November 2026
Item No. 1e
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Approve proposal submission not to exceed $250,000 to the Jackson County Senior Fund for the first round of community grants that will support older adults in Jackson County.

BACKGROUND
The Jackson County Senior Levy was passed in 2024 and will be issuing its first funding cycle. All revenues generated by the levy remain in Jackson County and are used exclusively for programs that benefit adults aged 60 and older. A seven-member Board of Directors oversees the fund, including stewardship of revenues and administration of grants.

The Jackson County Senior Fund (JCSF) has opened its first round of community grants and anticipates awarding up to $6 million to support projects and programs benefiting older adults in Jackson County based on the five priority areas below:

- Food insecurity
- Caregiver support
- Social isolation
- Home modifications and falls prevention
- Transportation

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
MARC's Area Agency on Aging submitted a proposal to support the Age of Celebration services fair, Give 5 volunteer match program, and care management staff.

REVENUES	
Amount	Not to exceed $250,000
Source	Jackson County Senior Levy Fund

COMMITTEE ACTION
The Commission on Aging considered this at its November meeting and recommended board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts Jackson County, MO

RECOMMENDATION
Approve MARC's submission of a Jackson County Senior Fund proposal and acceptance of funding if awarded.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Bethany Reyna, Program Director, Aging and Adult Services
- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Department Director, Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

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November 2026
Item No. 1f
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approve Head Start site enrollment changes for the 2026-2027 program year.

BACKGROUND

In January 2026 Lee's Summit School District notified MARC Head Start that they would like to move to full day services for Head Start Preschool children from part day services which would result in a decrease of 19 enrollment slots. As part of the annual enrollment planning process, each of MARC's Direct Service Providers (DSP) are asked to submit their requests for changes in enrollment and program options by January 30, 2026. Programs were asked to consider if changes were needed in program hours, length of day, number of days per year, and number of Head Start Preschool or Early Head Start slots to be served. DSP agencies were asked to include data such as the previous year's enrollment and waitlist information and community data that would support the need for the proposed changes.

On August 6, 2026, the Office of Head Start issued Information Memorandum ACF-OHS-IM-26-01, which provided updates to the requirements for enrollment reduction. MARC Head Start submitted a request for a change in scope to accommodate for the Lee's Summit program's decrease but the request was returned by the Office of Head Start for further consideration. MARC was given 45 days to either resubmit the change in scope request or determine whether the overall Head Start program could maintain the 19 enrollment slots by identifying alternative funding sources within the existing budget.

After reviewing available resources, MARC staff and partners successfully identified sufficient funding within the program budget to continue supporting the 19 slots. This funding became effective on November 1, 2026, allowing the program to maintain services without implementing the proposed enrollment reduction.

MARC Head Start is recommending approval of changes in enrollment for the following DSP agencies:

- Increase 7 slots at Emmanuel Family and Child Development Center.
- Increase 12 slots at the Grandview School District location

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Contracts for individual agencies will be revised based on these changes. The table below indicates the details of changes in contract amounts.

Agency Name	Total Funding Before	Total Funding After	Proposed Change
Grandview SD (Tier 1)	$ 558,615	$653,149	$94,534
Emmanuel (Tier 2)	$ 750,357	$811,167	$60,810

COMMITTEE ACTION

Head Start Policy Council approved the item on November 9, 2026. Head Start Advisory Committee approved the item on November 10, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts Jackson County, MO

RECOMMENDATION

Approve MARC Head Start's contract amendments and enrollment changes for Head Start preschool programming for the 2026-2027 program year and approve proposed contract changes.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Kasey Lawson, MARC Head Start Director
- Toni Sturdivant, MARC Director of Early Learning

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November 2026
Item No. 1g
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Approval of agreement extensions with GeoComm Maps and GIS Data Hub to enhance mapping accuracy and next generation 911 support.

BACKGROUND

MARC utilizes GeoComm Maps and GIS Data Hub subscription services to support accurate and reliable 911 mapping throughout its 11-county service area. GeoComm Maps provides telecommunicators with geographic information to identify caller locations and support emergency response, while GIS Data Hub supports the validation, maintenance and integration of regional mapping data. Together, these services enhance mapping accuracy and support Next Generation 911 (NG911) capabilities.

Staff propose extending both agreements, so they share a December 31, 2030, expiration date. The GeoComm Maps agreement is scheduled to run through December 31, 2028; its proposed addendum adds calendar years 2029 and 2030. The GIS Data Hub agreement currently runs through July 31, 2028. This modification would extend that subscription from August 1, 2028, through December 31, 2030. The existing scope, deliverables, and service obligations would remain unchanged.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The extensions support continued regional coordination of 911 mapping and GIS data services. Aligning the contract end dates also provides a consistent timeframe for managing the related services and future renewal planning.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed additional contractual cost is $615,556.15 across the two extensions. GeoComm Maps would remain at $253,754.40 per year for 2029 and 2030 for a total of $507,508.80. GIS Data Hub Addendum 1 adds $108,047.35, payable in three installments:

- $43,436.12 on August 1, 2028
- $45,607.93 on August 1, 2029
- $19,003.30 on August 1, 2030

The existing GIS Data Hub contract terms and charges through July 31, 2028, are unchanged.

REVENUES	
Amount	$615,556.15
Source	911 Allocation Budget (GIS Maintenance)

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	$615,556.15

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of 911 Allocation – GIS Maintenance funds for network resiliency and infrastructure improvements consistent with this project at the November 19, 2025, meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item supports the MARC regional 911 system and benefits all participating jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve the extensions of the GeoComm Maps and GIS Data Hub agreements through December 31, 2030.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director
- Saralyn Hayes, Public Safety Data & GIS Manager

AGENDA REPORT

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November 2026
Item No. 1h
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Authorize the purchase of Layer 3 routing switch hardware from SHI for regional 911 sites.

BACKGROUND:
The MARC 911 system is a complex network of hardware devices that require regular monitoring and maintenance to ensure peak performance. The MARC public safety technical team plans for ongoing hardware refreshes on a rotating basis. This approach replaces aging equipment with current models to address capacity and performance needs. Because network hardware components have a limited lifespan, this planned replacement schedule helps reduce failure rates and minimize potential downtime of the critical 911 system.

As part of the procurement process, staff obtained three quotes and SHI's proposal was approximately 25% lower than the other vendors. The network hardware refresh includes 30 routing switch units with dual power supplies and five years of support, at a total cost of $155,049.90.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
The SHI quote of $155,049.90 includes 30 switch units, associated dual power supplies and five years of support. Funding for this planned hardware refresh was included in the 2025 911 Allocation Budget/Capital Projects.

REVENUES	
Amount	$155,049.90
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	$155,049.90

COMMITTEE ACTION:
This work is a typical expense anticipated in the 911 system capital projects budget, which was approved as part of the 2026 budget by the Public Safety Communication Board on November 19, 2025.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item supports the MARC regional 911 system and benefits all participating jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the purchase of 30 routing switches and dual power supplies from SHI to support the planned hardware refresh project in the amount of $155,049.90.

STAFF CONTACT:
- Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director
- Hassan Al-Rubaie, Public Safety Technical Services Director

November 2026
Item No. 2a

VOTE: Approve minutes of the October 27, 2026, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:
The minutes of the October 27, 2026, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the minutes of the October 27, 2026, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:
- Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director
- McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

MARC Budget & Personnel Meeting Summary

October 27, 2026

BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE

Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS – B&P Committee Chair
Commissioner Allyson Berberich, Platte County, MO
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO
Councilmember Jeff Creighton, Olathe, KS
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Mayor Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO
Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director Geraldine Gardner and other MARC staff

AGENDA

Call to order

Mayor Eric Mikkelson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person Mayor Mikkelson provided instructions for participation. He reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item, and ask for approval of all agenda items with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Item 1a REPORT: Review fiscal year 2026 year-to-date financial reports through September 2026.

Erika Benitez, Finance Director, presented the Quarterly Financial Report for the periods between January 1 – September 30, 2026 and reviewed MARC's key fund types. The General Fund is supported by dues, investment income and other revenues, and it covers general expenses and grant matching. The Indirect and Fringe Funds allocate costs to grants using an HHS-approved formula. FY26 rates are still provisional, at 53.65% fringe and 35.7% indirect, and both funds target break-even. The Special Revenue and Capital Projects funds support designated grant-funded and fee-for-service programs. The Enterprise Fund covers the Government Training Institute, Cooperative Purchasing and Veteran's Directed Care. At 75% of the fiscal year, staff reported that MARC is in a strong financial position. Agency-wide revenues and other financial sources of $83.6M are 74% of budget and the variance is due to the timing of receipts and are expected to pickup in Q4 as grants close. Expenditures totaled $82.8M and are also 74% of budget, which is close to the expected 75%. The Enterprise Fund has outperformed expectations and is at 105% of budgeted revenues, helped by $275K in World Cup special projects. Revenues exceeded expenditures, which produced a $782K increase in fund balance for the period. The governmental and proprietary fund balance totals $23.8M at 9/30/26, and most of it is assigned or committed to programs and initiatives.

Cash and investment balances, net of outstanding activity, totaled $25.3M of that total, $16.9M (65%) is held at Security Bank, $8.7M (35%) is invested at Country Club, and $134K

(less than 1%) is in aging bank accounts. Most of these balances are restricted to specific programs and initiatives. The $1.9M (8%) increase from August 31 reflects timing and World Cup cash flow. General Fund investment income is $252K year to date, which exceeds the budget of $215K. Interest is allocated to the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) and the 911 program.

Councilmember Creighton asked if the greater than 90 days outstanding figures on page 6 were normal for the organization. Ms. Benitez said yes because several of the grants take a long time to close and finalize billing.

Item 1b VOTE: Authorize a 10-year contract with Sparkrock for a new enterprise resource planning system.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, requested authorization for a 10-year contract with Sparkrock to replace MARC's Microsoft Dynamics GP financial system before its announced end of life in 2029. Following a vendor evaluation involving Finance, program staff, IT, and reference checks, staff recommend Sparkrock for its grant-management capabilities, intuitive interface, Microsoft integration, and built-in budgeting that should eliminate the need for Prophix. The proposed agreement includes an annual subscription of $62,155 with Platinum support and a one-time implementation cost of $87,280, payable over 24 months with final timing established in the agreement. MARC will temporarily retain limited GP licenses for grant compliance and reporting and use Forvis Mazars support as needed.

Commissioner Mike Stieben asked if MARC had a policy on the use of AI. Ms. Gonales answered yes that there is an AI policy in the MARC internal handbook. Generally MARC is conservative but also wants to be innovative while being cautious.

Item 1c VOTE: Authorize $250,000 contract with Iteris, Inc. for ClearGuide, a roadway and traffic signal analytics platform to support the regional Operation Greenlight program.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization for a two-year contract with Iteris, Inc., not to exceed $250,000, for ClearGuide roadway and traffic signal analytics services supporting Operation Green Light. The platform would cover approximately 1,067 traffic signals in Johnson, Wyandotte, and Leavenworth counties, providing travel-time monitoring, delay alerts, signal performance measures, and historical and real-time data to guide operational improvements. This expands ClearGuide's use following implementation with Missouri partners in June 2026. Funding is included in the OGL operations budget through federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation, with local matching funds budgeted for 2027 and 2028.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked for clarification that this platform was not used to read license plates. Mr. Achelpohl confirmed that it does not but rather uses crowd sourced data from smartphones that are operating inside the vehicles.

Councilmember Holly Grummert asked what the planned output / expectation of data will be from this project. Mr. Achelpohl indicated that it will allow intersection timing and traffic in flow in real time.

Item 1d VOTE: Authorize receipt of $200,000 subaward from LISC Greater Kansas City to support work on the Greater Kansas City Regional Housing Partnership.

Ashley Hand, Director of Local Government Services, requested authorization to accept a $200,000 HUD Community Projects Funding subgrant from LISC Greater Kansas City for up to

three years of support for the Regional Housing Partnership. The subgrant is MARC's portion of a one-time $500,000 HUD award available for expenses during 2025–2028 and will fund personnel costs associated with partnership administration and coordination. As co-backbone agencies, MARC and LISC will support regional collaboration to expand access to attainable housing through work focused on policy and process, the housing construction workforce, and community voice, benefiting all counties in the MARC region.

Item 1e VOTE: Authorize a $64,980 contract with Carl Abraham to complete regional emergency services assessment and outreach work.

John Davis, Emergency Services Fiscal Administrator, requested authorization to execute a contract with Carl Abraham, not to exceed $64,980, for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in 2026–2027. Working with the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center and participating agencies, the contractor will conduct and review special event threat assessments, track assessments, and provide outreach and customized training to strengthen preparedness at public and private venues across participating Missouri and Kansas counties. Carl Abraham was selected through a competitive qualifications process in late 2021, and the contract will be funded through FY 2024 UASI funds allocated for this work by the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee.

Commissioner Stieben asked how the KC Fusion Center was created. Mr. Davis explained that KCMO formed it as a separate entity and MARC has a contractual agreement with the center through homeland security funding.

Item 1f VOTE: Authorize acceptance and administration of Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness subgrant funds totaling $146,555 for FY 2026–2027 planning, training, and exercise activities.

John Davis, Emergency Services Fiscal Administrator, requested authorization to accept and administer $146,555 in federal Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness subgrant funds for FY 2026–2027 on behalf of the Mid-America Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Funding will support a $35,000 hazardous materials plan update, a $70,000 functional exercise, and $41,555 in specialized training to strengthen preparedness for transportation-related hazardous materials incidents. The grant is administered through the State of Kansas and requires a 20 percent non-federal match provided through personnel time and in-kind contributions. The LEPC approved the application in March 2026; funded activities directly serve Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson counties, with planning also encompassing Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties.

Item 1g VOTE: Authorize a $155,000 subrecipient agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the hospital preparedness program.

John Davis, Emergency Services Fiscal Administrator, requested authorization for a subrecipient agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, not to exceed $155,000, for the Hospital Preparedness Program from October 15, 2026, through June 30, 2027. MARC would administer federal funds, coordinate coalition planning and preparedness activities, and oversee Readiness and Response Coordinator functions to strengthen disaster readiness and recovery in Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth counties. The budget includes $124,000 for personnel, $21,000 for contractual services, and $10,000 for travel and training, with payments contingent on required financial documentation, progress reports, and completion of program requirements. The Bi-state Health Care Coalition supports the action, and the Kansas-side coalition voted to support MARC's role on September 11, 2026.

Item 1h VOTE: Approve the purchase of 20 Digi Connect EZ 32 serial-to-IP converters from Digi-Key totaling $67,082.40 to support the GeoComm Maps component of the VESTA 9-1-1 Host upgrade.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director, requested approval to purchase 20 Digi Connect EZ 32 serial-to-IP converters from Digi-Key for $67,082.40, plus applicable freight and tariffs, to support the GeoComm Maps component of the VESTA 9-1-1 Host upgrade. Technical staff worked with manufacturer Digi International to identify equipment compatible with existing system components, supporting the sole-source procurement process. Funding is included in the 911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects), and the estimated nine-week lead time makes timely ordering important to avoid upgrade delays. The purchase benefits all eleven participating regional 9-1-1 jurisdictions.

Unrelated to the agenda item, Commissioner Hanzlick asked about the process for World Cup reimbursement for local jurisdictions. Ms. Gonzales said that staff had hoped to finish with reimbursements by the end of the year, but it seems unlikely because agency reimbursement packets require extensive documentation, and some run 140 to 400 pages. The fiscal team meets twice a week to track each packet through review by the state, then FEMA for final approval, and then reimbursement. DPS has responded well, while Missouri has been slower to keep up with its reviews. Of the $59 million grant, roughly $7 million or somewhat more has been reimbursed so far and the unspent balance will not be received because it was a reimbursement-based grant. Staff expect that all expenses that are submitted in accordance with the proper documentation will be reimbursed.

Item 1i VOTE: Approve $2,637,500 application to the America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative: Local and Regional Healthy Food Financing Partnerships Program for capacity building funds

Donna Martin, Double Up Food Bucks Program Manager, requested board ratification of a $2,637,500 application to the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Partnerships Program and authorization to accept the award, if granted. In collaboration with Cultivate KC and AltCap, MARC proposes the Heartland Farm to Retail Readiness Partnership to expand access to locally grown and affordable healthy food in underserved communities across Kansas and Missouri. The initiative would support specialty crop producers and grocery retailers through bridge loans, financing for point-of-sale upgrades that enable participation in food incentive programs, technical assistance, and credit-readiness support. The proposed budget includes $1,989,359 in subawards, along with personnel and other operating expenses. Former Executive Director David Warm approved submission due to the short turnaround, and the Commission on Aging recommended board approval.

Item 2 Approve Consent Agenda: minutes of the September 22, 2026 meeting

Commissioner Mike Stieben moved for the approval of all agenda items except item 1i as it was presented. Councilmember Holly Grummert seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Item 3 Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 4 Adjournment

Mayor Mikkelson adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

NEXT/UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 | MARC Offices 801 Pennsylvania Ave. Ste 400, Kansas City, MO 64105