

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

January 22, 2019

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Kent Becker, Comm. Randy Dallke, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, Yvonne Cushenbery, Tom Britain, Dave Crofoot, Henry Ethem, Jonah Gehring, Myron Voth, Paul Penner, Van Peters, Linda Peters, Lloyd Meier, Mike Meisinger, Mike Beneke, and members of the press.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Dallke moved to accept the minutes of January 14<sup>th</sup> as presented. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- The Board agreed to send a directive to department heads to stay within their annual department budget and to be diligent with future budget planning.
- The Board discussed the possibility of re-allocating some of the special alcohol funds. No decision was made.
- Change orders affecting 2018 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Early checks were approved for processing: #47224 in the amount of \$18,114.31 to Cooperative Grain & Supply for transport fuel – R&B Fund; #47225 in the amount of \$1,881.60 to Postalocity for postage – Appraiser Fund.
- Salary change sheets were signed: Noah Richter – six month raise as EMT from \$12.00/hour to \$12.25/hour effective 1/20/2019; Erin Shippy – six month raise as Paramedic from \$15.00/hour to \$15.25/hour effective 1/15/2019; Undersheriff David Huntley – 10 year longevity raise from \$20.74/hour to \$21.19/hour effective 1/12/2019; Mapping/GIS Manager Deborah Bowman – 20 year longevity raise from \$2,995.00/mo. to \$3,043.00/mo. effective 12/19/2018; Aaron Christner establishing part-time Deputy Sheriff wage at \$13.08/hour effective 1/18/2019.
- Novak moved to adopt Resolution 2019-02, authorizing the Chairperson of the Board of Marion County Commissioners to Issue a Verbal Disaster Declaration If Necessary. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- The Board agreed to seek / review additional information regarding a public transportation service for possible future implementation.

**WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/ RECYCLING:** Dir. Bud Druse presented the 2018 Noxious Weed Eradication Report for review and approval. Dallke moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report for 2018. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Druse presented the 2019 Noxious Weed Management Plan for review and approval. Becker moved to approve the Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2019. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING:** Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff presented a quarterly update and annual numbers for individuals served through various programs in 2018.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Adm. Diedre Serene presented a quarterly update. Serene noted that several boxes of files from the Main Street building still need to be addressed. The consensus of the Board was that Serene should check with St. Luke Hospital regarding temporary storage.

**AMBULANCE:** Dir. Travis Parmley presented statistics for the month of December and reported on department activities and proposed policies. Other topics of discussion for future Board action were the living arrangements for full time Hillsboro crew members and the possibility of transitioning back to in-house billing.

- Parmley requested an executive session to discuss property acquisition for 10 minutes. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board, Parmley, and Spencer present for 10 minutes (from 10:11 a.m. to 10:21 a.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to authorize the EMS Director to negotiate for different living arrangements for Hillsboro crew members. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**FLORENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Robert Harris requested that a piece of real property which is owned by the County and adjoining the old train depot in Florence be transferred to the Historical Society. After a 10 minute recess, Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session, and agreed to have a recommendation for the next meeting.

**AUDIT CONTRACT AWARD:** After discussion, Becker moved to accept the audit proposal from Varney & Associates for 2018, 2019, and 2020 for a total of \$82,500.00. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

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**ROAD CONDITIONS/PLANNING:** Supt. Jesse Hamm provided an update on current road conditions and proposed hauling as much rock as possible utilizing County personnel and contracted haulers to get people in and out during this period of inclement weather. Developing a long term plan was discussed. Comments were made by Linda Peters, Paul Penner, Mike Meisinger, Myron Voth, Lloyd Meier, and Yvonne Cushenbery.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Counselor Brad Jantz was asked to review / verify whether the quorum for Commission business changed after the resolution was passed to change the Commission District boundaries.

- The proposed sales agreement between Marion County and the Marion Advancement Campaign for the Main Street (Bowron) building was reviewed. Jantz recommended final approval on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- A draft lease agreement between Marion County and RFD #2 for the storage of the Goessel first response vehicle was reviewed. Jantz will finalize several points and bring back for approval on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**AMBULANCE - PERSONNEL DISCUSSION:** Dir. Travis Parmley and Office Manager Jamie Shirley joined the session. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Parmley, Shirley, Jantz, and Spencer present for 20 minutes (from 11:56 a.m. to 12:16 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to recess back into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Parmley, Shirley, Jantz and Spencer present for five more minutes (from 12:17 p.m. to 12:22 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to work with the EMS Director to bring the ambulance billing process back in-house to be handled by Jamie Shirley at an increased wage to \$44,000.00/year effective February 1, 2019. Novak seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PERSONNEL DISCUSSION:** Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Jantz present for 15 minutes (from 12:26 p.m. to 12:41 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Beneke commented on road conditions and suggested sources for potential federal aid.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Jantz indicated that he will file an answer on behalf of the County for the Hillsboro Hospital lawsuit.

- Jantz requested a five-minute executive session to discuss potential litigation. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for five minutes (from 12:50 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**PERSONNEL DISCUSSION:** Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance for two minutes pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with only the Board present for two minutes (from 12:57 p.m. to 12:59 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action.

A special meeting was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dallke moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2019-02

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A VERBAL DISASTER DECLARATION IF NECESSARY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas, has the responsibility to protect the inhabitants of the County from the hazards of natural or man-made disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has established an Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of assuming, as the designated disaster agency, responsibility for coordinating the mitigation of, preparedness for, response to and recovery from disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, when a disaster strikes, it may be necessary to move quickly to request resources for protection of life and property, and waiting to call an official meeting of the Board of County Commissioners could cause a delay in this process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Marion County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to issue a verbal Disaster Declaration if necessary, which would be reviewed and ratified by the full Board of Commissioners at their next official regular or special meeting. Further, this Verbal Declaration allows the Marion County Emergency Management Director the ability to request State of Kansas resources immediately, even prior to the Board of Commissioners assembling to review and ratify the Declaration.

This resolution, upon motion duly made and seconded, passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019.

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MARION, KANSAS**

  
Kent Becker, Chairman

  
Randy Dallke, Member

  
Dianne R. Novak, Member



ATTEST:

  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk