

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

March 11, 2019

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Marion Community Center Ballroom located at 203 N. Third, Marion, 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 and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Administrative business was tabled until later in the session.

WIND ENERGY PROJECT DISCUSSION, EXPEDITION WIND: Pat Pelstring, CEO of National Renewable Solutions (NRS) presented information regarding the proposed project. Over 120 members of the public were present, along with additional NRS personnel and County department heads. Pelstring presented information regarding the proposed project. Public comments were accepted by the Board. No decisions were made.

The meeting recessed briefly and was reconvened back in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse. Yvonne Cushenbery, Tom Britain, Byron Lange, Dave Crofoot, Jonah Gehring, Troy Bushman, Pat Pelstring, other NRS officials, Charlie Loewen, Terry Eberhard, R&B Supt. Jesse Hamm, Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead, and members of the press were present for portions of the meeting.

TRANSFER STATION PROJECT: Dir. Bud Druse presented a change order to eliminate coiling doors and add three insulated sectional high lift doors. Becker moved to approve Change Order #3, resulting in an overall cost decrease of \$620.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Bids for a skid steer tree shear attachment for tire cutting were reviewed, and ranged from \$3,895.00 to \$23,065.00. No decisions were made. Druse was asked to provide pricing for a hydraulic tire cutting machine.

ROAD ACCESS POLICY DISCUSSION: Cory Nelson joined the session. Hamm and Omstead were also present. After discussion, Counselor Jantz was directed to look into different policy options for road access to new residences built in the County. No decisions were made.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Becker moved to approve the minutes of March 4th as presented. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0. Dallke abstained due to absence. Dallke moved to approve the minutes of March 6th as presented. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Change orders affecting 2018 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and approved by the Board.
- Salary sheets were signed: Robert Loos – new full time Paramedic at \$15.00/hour effective 2/22/2019, Joseph Catron – six month raise as Corrections Officer from \$13.08/hour to \$13.33/hour effective 2/23/2019, and Delores Johnson – new part time 911 Systems Operator at \$12.00/hour effective 2/21/2019.
- Novak moved to authorize Chr. Becker to sign the grant application paperwork for the Marion County Health Department. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Becker signed the paperwork.
- The Board agreed that the budget for advertising the Co. Engineer position should be set at \$2,000.00 with priority being given to the professional engineering job board sites and Indeed, with newspaper advertising secondary if the budget allows.

BOARD DISCUSSION – EXPEDITION PROJECT: The Board discussed whether or not to impose a moratorium on wind energy projects. Becker and Dallke were not in favor of a moratorium at this time, but were more inclined to utilize the established planning/zoning process for reviewing the project. Novak favored a moratorium. Pelstring indicated that Expedition will plan to submit a draft conditional use permit application for review and evaluation by the Planning Commission within approximately 10 days, and suggested that feedback be given prior to the official application submittal.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk