

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

March 18, 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, Henry Ethem, Tom Britain, Carl Stovall, Amy Stutzman, Byron Lange, Shawn Crabb, Mary Crabb, Dave Crofoot, James Loewen, Becki Yoder (& Ryker), Ron Redman, Glenn Litke, Sheila Litke, Collin Quiring, Randy Eitzen, Dawn Suderman, Joel Suderman, Mike Beneke, Jonah Gehring, Charlie Loewen, Pat Pelstring, Dwight Flaming, and members of the press.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Becker moved to approve the minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup> as presented. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Change orders affecting 2018 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Dallke moved to pay a 2019 budget allocation to Kansas Legal Services in the amount of \$4,000.00 and to the Marion County Food Bank in the amount of \$6,000.00.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Supt. Jesse Hamm presented transport fuel bids for review.

	Tank #3 5,500 gals.	Tank #1 1,500 gals.	Unleaded 1,500 gals.	Total
Cooperative Grain, Hillsboro	2.3275	2.0720	2.0470	\$18,979.75
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.3652	2.1102	2.1051	\$19,331.55

Dallke moved to accept the bid from Cooperative Grain in the amount of \$18,979.75. Novak seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tire bids were reviewed:	Commercial Tire Center, Salina	\$46,508.90
	Rod's Tire & Service, Hillsboro	\$44,224.69

Becker moved to approve the bid from Rod's Tire in the amount of \$44,224.69. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Jantz joined the session. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss interim leadership of the Road & Bridge Department pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Hamm, Jantz, and Spencer present for 15 minutes (from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.) with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to enter back into executive session to discuss interim leadership of the Road & Bridge Department pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Hamm, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes (from 9:47 a.m. until 9:57 a.m.) with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action. Hamm was asked to return later in the session.

**PARK & LAKE:** Supt. Isaac Hett was present. After discussion, the Board directed Jantz to draft a resolution to authorize the use of UTV's and golf carts within Lakeshore Drive (with restrictions).

- Hett asked for clarification on liability for owners of private docks around the lake in regard to accidents. Jantz stated that because the docks are connected to public land, and dock owners are required by the County to allow them to be open for public use during times when the owners are not physically using the docks themselves, that the liability if a (non-owner) member of the public were to have an accident on one of the docks would fall to the County.

**AMBULANCE:** Dir. Travis Parmley presented statistics for the month of February and provided a department update. The Board was in favor of selling one of the old ambulances which is currently out of service and located behind the Marion station.

**WIND ENERGY RESEARCH:** Novak presented an article from the Rural Messenger in regard to a project in Sumner County being built under a pre-existing conditional use permit, which has a lifetime property tax exemption. Novak pointed out to the Board that the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement is higher than what Marion County is receiving from the same company. Multiple attendees requested, and were granted, permission to comment on the new proposed Expedition Wind project. Jantz reminded the Board that the discussion should generally follow the agenda, and suggested that a time for public comments on this topic be scheduled specifically on the agenda in the future.

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**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Supt. Jesse Hamm returned to the session. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss interim leadership of the Road & Bridge Department pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, Hamm, and Spencer present for 10 minutes (from 11:32 a.m. to 11:42 a.m.) with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to appoint Tom Holub as Interim Road & Bridge Superintendent and Jason Creevan as Assistant Road & Bridge Superintendent, and for them to perform those duties beginning March 22<sup>nd</sup> until no longer needed. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Becker moved to increase the compensation of Tom Holub by 10% to \$21.80/hour and the compensation of Jason Creevan by 10% to \$17.96/hour during the time they are performing interim duties. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Yvonne Cushenbery asked about the time frame for repairs on Roxbury Road west of K-15.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Kent Becker, Chairman

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