

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

January 4, 2021

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Randy Dallke, and Comm. Dave Crofoot present in person, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present via teleconference. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer and Commissioner-Elect David Mueller. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COVID UPDATE:** Public Health Officer Diedre Serene reported 61 active cases, five hospitalizations and six deaths. The rolling positivity rate is 14.4%.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Dallke moved to approve the minutes of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- An agreement between Nelson-Fowles and Marion County for the EWP projects on 350<sup>th</sup> and 130<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval, along with the notice to proceed. Dallke moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents (acceptance of the project was already approved). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a department update. No action was taken by the Board.

**PARK & LAKE:** Lake Supt. Isaac Hett requested permission to go out for bids for a tree removal / tree trimming project. There were no objections.

- Other projects discussed were to update the bathrooms/shower houses using donated funds, replace rotten lumber on picnic tables and benches, patch the concrete at the low-water bridge, re-work and reorganize the storage area south of the office and work on getting rid of abandoned items. The Board had no objections.
- Hett reported that emergency responders have requested that small roads and/or areas at the South end of the lake be named for easier emergency access. Hett was directed to work with Communications Supervisor Linda Klenda.

**TRANSFER STATION DISCUSSION:** Dir. Josh Housman was not available. Marion City Administrator Roger Holter asked to comment regarding Transfer Station operations. Holter requested that when holiday closures fall on Friday, that an alternate date be offered for recycling. He also indicated that not having bins out after hours for people to utilize for dumping their trash has caused dumpsters at businesses and other locations within Marion to be filled with the trash from private individuals.

Commissioner Novak left the session.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Crofoot moved to place employee wage discussion/decision on the agenda for next week. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Gehring signed the Certification of Maintenance of Effort form pertaining to the local tax revenue included in the 2021 Health Department budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Becker noted that the Judicial Nominating Committee has met and a new 8<sup>th</sup> District Magistrate Judge has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Charles A. Zimmerman.

- Becker thanked Commissioner Novak for her service, and noted that even though they didn't always see eye to eye that he appreciates her passion and commitment and wishes her the best moving forward.
- Crofoot agreed, adding that she offered a lot of good comments and made sure that everyone behaved.
- Dallke said that he appreciated that Novak put in a lot of extra effort on whatever she tackled, and she always took a definite stand.
- Gehring said that he appreciates Novak stepping up to serve over the last four years.
- A plaque thanking her for her dedicated service has been prepared on behalf of the Board, and will be presented later.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Chairman

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