

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

August 26, 2019

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in 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, Carl Stovall, Henry Ethem, Jonah Gehring, Amy Soyez, Michelle Butts, Larry Fine, Shawn Crabb, Mary Crabb, Tom Britain, Joel Suderman, Pat Pelstring, Randall Eitzen, and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Novak moved to approve the minutes of August 19th as written. Becker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- Supplements affecting the 2019 tax roll were reviewed by the Board.
- Spencer requested official action on the 2020 appropriation request for the Marion County Extension Council in the amount of \$164,048.00. Becker moved to approve the appropriation request. Dallke seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- Becker moved to approve the Judicial District budgets as presented. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Salary sheets were signed for part-time employees in the Health Department: Jessica Gilbert – from \$13.26/hour to \$15.00/hour effective 8/21/2019 for performance; Sherie Moody – from \$22.08/hour to \$24.00/hour effective 8/21/2019 for performance; Erin Hein - \$16.00/hour to \$16.25/hour - six month raise effective 5/21/2019; Diedre Serene – on-call pay increase from \$255.00/mo. to \$300.00/mo. effective 6/21/2019.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented pipe (culvert) bids for review:

Welborn Sales, Inc., Salina	\$16,804.50
J&J Drainage Products, Hutchinson	\$20,500.50

Becker moved to accept the bid from Welborn Sales in the amount of \$16,804.50. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Sign bids (for all road name signs) were reviewed:

National Sign Company, Ottawa, KS	\$33,987.26
J&A Traffic Products, Blue Springs, MO	\$37,734.40

After discussion, Becker moved to approve the bid from National Sign Company in the amount of \$33,987.26. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Area fuel bids were reviewed:	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	1,400 gals.	1,950 gals.	1,950 gals.
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	1.9450 = \$2,723.00	2.0690 = \$4,034.55	1.9600 = \$3,822.00
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.9590 = \$2,742.60	2.0600 = \$4,017.00	1.9500 = \$3,802.50

Becker moved to accept the bid from Cooperative Grain for area one in the amount of \$2,723.00, and the bids for areas two and three from Epp's Service in the amounts of \$4,017.00 and \$3,802.50. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- A permit application for a utility company to attach a gas line to a County bridge was tabled to allow Goebel additional time to verify current best practices.
- Goebel indicated that the County will forego scheduled chip sealing this year and focus instead on blade patching. The Board had no objections.

COURTROOM SECURITY DISCUSSION: Judge Michael Powers joined the session. The possibility of holding Commission meetings in the courtroom was discussed. Powers indicated that such an arrangement would not be feasible due to the unpredictable nature of court scheduling.

- Sheriff Robert Craft joined the session. Courtroom security was discussed, with potential options of hiring an in-house employee vs. a private contractor to provide security. Security for the Courthouse building overall was also discussed, including the possibility of limiting access to a single entrance. No action was taken.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Bud Druse requested that certain items for the new shop/office be paid from the building project line item in the Transfer Fund budget. The Board had no objections, particularly if they are attached to the building (stairs, counter, etc.). Dallke suggested a limit of \$500.00.

- Druse reported that the department will likely need to use some of the Noxious Weed Capital Outlay fund to spray three properties which are in violation of State Statute and have not responded to previous notifications. The cost of the spraying will be billed back to the property owner through special assessments on their property taxes.
- Recycling was discussed. No decisions were made.
- Druse indicated that the new shop/office is complete. Becker moved to approve pay estimate Number 8 (final) to Nelson-Fowles, LLC in the amount of \$31,419.18. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Information received from Kaw Valley Engineering indicated that repairs to the current facility could cost just as much as a new building. The consensus was to keep moving forward with the building project plans.

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Session recessed until 10:50 a.m.

COUNTY COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session and requested an executive session for attorney/client business to discuss legal obligations and requirements. Becker moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of evaluating legal obligations and requirements to be comprehensively considered and included in any development agreements along with the ramifications of each regarding the Expedition Wind project pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney regarding matters deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship with the Board and Jantz present (from 10:52 a.m.) until 12:00 p.m. with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to recess into executive session for the purpose of evaluating legal obligations and requirements to be comprehensively considered and included in any development agreements along with the ramifications of each regarding the Expedition Wind project pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney regarding matters deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship with the Board and Jantz present (from 12:00 p.m.) until 12:15 p.m. with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jonah Gehring commented that the City of Hillsboro has not been charging Marion County EMS for housing ambulances in Hillsboro.

Shawn Crabb asked about the status of the Development Plan for the Expedition Wind project. Jantz indicated that, to his knowledge, a Development Plan has not been submitted to Planning and Zoning.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk