

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

August 5, 2019

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Kent Becker, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Comm. Randy Dallke joined the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, Marcy Hostetler, Ashley Herpich, Henry Ethem, Tom Britain, Carl Stovall, Yvonne Cushenbery, Sarah Spencer, Carlie Loewen, James Loewen, Jonah Gehring, Larry Fine, Randall Eitzen, Shawn Crabb, Mary Crabb, Amy Stutzman, other members of the public, and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Becker moved to approve the minutes of July 29th as written. Novak seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Novak moved to approve the minutes of July 31st as written. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.

- Supplements affecting the 2019 tax roll were reviewed by the Board.
- Change orders affecting 2018 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- It was noted that the Health Department will stay open until 7:00 p.m. on August 21st.
- Change Order #5, reducing the transfer station phase one project by \$3,400.00 due to the removal of the "seed and mulch" line item on the contract was presented for approval. Becker moved to approve the change order, reducing the contract by \$3,400.00. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0.
- Pay Estimate #7 on the transfer station project to Nelson-Fowles, LLC in the amount of \$7,029.75 was presented for approval. Becker moved to pay (the amount due). Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0.
- Spencer asked for official Board action on whether or not to bill the fire districts for their 2019 amounts due on the radio project. After discussion, Novak moved not to bill the fire districts for their portion. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.

CO. APPRAISER: Co. Appraiser Lisa Reeder presented information about possible tax relief for individuals who suffered at least 50% property loss on their residences due to the recent flood events in Marion County. An application would need to be completed, accompanied by a contractor quote and / or documentation from the individual's insurance company. Once received, the Board could determine a percentage of property tax relief to apply to each property. The Board requested that Reeder keep them in the loop regarding the number of applications received over the next few weeks.

- Low interest loans are being offered to flood victims through the Small Business Administration (SBA). A site at 118 E. Grand Ave., Hillsboro, will be open to assist applicants Tuesday, August 6th through Thursday, August 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Reeder presented a neighborhood revitalization program application for Travis and/or Gerald Kegley for a property located at 135 S. Church in Burns. The application was received post construction, and therefore does not qualify for participation without special permission from the Board. Novak moved to go ahead and approve the application for the (neighborhood) revitalization program. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.

COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW: Scot Loyd of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, and Loyd was present to answer questions or make any line item changes to the 2020 County budget requested by the Board. Several questions were raised about specific funds (primarily road and bridge, capital improvement and employee benefits). The Board did not request any changes.

Session recessed for 10 minutes.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a salary change sheet for Fred Philpott – one year raise as Equipment Operator I from \$2,310.00/mo. to \$2,356.00/mo. effective 7/30/2019.

- Other topics discussed for possible future consideration were road and bridge problems caused by additional heavy rain, whether to proceed with skid steer bids, crushed concrete, options for chip seal projects for 2019, a potential amendment to a previously issued road crossing permit, and damage on specific roads.
- Goebel indicated that an application has been turned in for the 2021 federal bridge program.

Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Dallke joined the session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jonah Gehring indicated that 90th west of K-15 is in bad shape.

- Yvonne Cushenbery asked about mowing, and about farmers encroaching County right-of-way in areas.
- Randall Eitzen asked several questions about dirt roads that are in poor condition, and what will be done with them, especially those that are not used much and have alternate routes available.

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COMMISSION CONCERNS: Comm. Novak asked Counselor Jantz to continue to pursue payroll records (specifically mileage logs and documentation about salary amounts paid) for the disbanded Marion County Community Economic Development Corporation.

- Comm. Novak questioned Counselor Jantz about how County departments are charging for open record requests. Discussion ensued about potentially developing a standard fee schedule across all County departments, and the possibility of requiring photo identification for record requests.

ROAD & BRIDGE, CONTINUED: Goebel requested an executive session to discuss the job description/duties of an individual employee within his department. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss the personnel (job) description of an employee pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters with the Board, Jantz, and Goebel present (from 11:08) until 11:30 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 recess into executive session to discuss the job description of a specific employee pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, and Goebel present for 15 minutes (from 11:31 a.m.) until 11:46 a.m. with open session to resume in the Commission chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CONTINUED: Shawn Crabb asked Counselor Jantz about what should be included in official minutes, and about whether certain language used in an open records response is appropriate or would require a court order for disclosure.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk