

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

July 29, 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 Marcy Hostetler, Henry Ethem, Trayce Warner, Tom Britain, James Loewen, Charlie Loewen, Joel Suderman, Randy Eitzen, Dave Crofoot, Michelle Butts, Jonah Gehring, and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Becker moved to approve the minutes of July 22nd as written. Dallke seconded. Novak asked for a correction to include her concern regarding individuals in the same family working together. Tom Britain noted that his name was listed twice in the attendees section. The final vote was tabled until corrections were made.

- Dallke moved to approve the minutes of July 25th as written. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Supplements affecting the 2019 tax roll were reviewed by the Board.
- A sample contract for a construction manager on the transfer station project was reviewed and discussed.
- A letter of substantial completion from Kaw Valley listing outstanding items for completion on phase one of the transfer station project was reviewed.
- The canvass of the November General Election was scheduled for November 15th.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented transport fuel bids:

	Tank #3 4,500 gals.	Tank #1 1,500 gals.	Unleaded 2,500 gals.	Total
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.2084	1.9519	2.0648	\$18,027.65
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.2090	1.9530	2.0510	\$16,893.00

Becker moved to accept the low bid from Cooperative Grain in the amount of \$16,893.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Area fuel bids were presented:	Area 1 1,400 gals.	Area 2 1,950 gals.	Area 3 1,950 gals.
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.0550 = \$2,877.00	2.2450 = \$4,377.75	2.0450 = \$3,987.75
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.0500 = \$2,870.00	2.1400 = \$4,173.00	2.0400 = \$3,978.00

Becker moved to accept the low bid from Cooperative Grain for areas one, two, and three. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- The special equipment budget was reviewed. Goebel indicated that instead of purchasing a backhoe in 2019, the department will look at a skid steer and tree cutting attachment.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING: Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff provided a quarterly update. Flooding in Peabody caused damage to the Senior Center there. Marion Senior Center is struggling to keep a cook. The SMC Board will be updating their bylaws to allow for the change in representation from three to five districts.

2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION: Scot Loyd and Jamie Siess of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, and Loyd joined the session to continue 2020 budget prep. Major issues discussed were transfer station project funding, roads, wages for employees, employee benefits, and a possible new ambulance building.

Transfer station building project funding: After discussion, Dallke moved to place a question on the November, 2019 ballot to fund the transfer station building project payments with sales tax. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-1. Becker opposed, preferring to finance the project through a lease-purchase agreement.

MINUTES: Amended minutes for the July 22nd meeting were presented for review. Becker amended his motion from earlier in the meeting to approve the minutes as amended. Dallke reaffirmed his second. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Patty Decker expressed concern about the growth in the number of full-time County employees, wages, and benefits (including raises and overtime). She also commented about the van purchased by the Department on Aging in 2018.

Session recessed until 2:15 p.m.

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July 29, 2019, Continued

2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION, CONTINUED: Session resumed with Chr. Becker and Commissioner Novak present. Commissioner Dallke was absent. More detailed budget information which included department requests was reviewed. After discussion, it was determined that Loyd and Spencer would continue to work together to provide a more complete budget for Board review on July 31st to be ready for an August 2nd publication.

Novak moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk