

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

July 22, 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, Tom Britain, Henry Ethem, Carl Stovall, Yvonne Cushenbery, Jesse Hopkins-Hoel, Trayce Warner, Kade Warner, Michelle Butts, Charlie Loewen, Dave Crofoot, other members of the public, and members of the press.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Dallke moved to approve the minutes of July 15<sup>th</sup> as written. Becker seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Becker moved to approve the minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup> as written. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Supplements affecting the 2019 tax roll were reviewed by the Board.
- Early check #48692 in the amount of \$2,577.95 to Arlie's Collision Specialists for 2017 Ford repair – General Fund / Sheriff was approved for processing.
- Salary sheets were signed for: Joshua Housman – transfer from Mechanic in R&B Dept. to Equipment Operator II in Transfer Station from \$2,822.00/mo. to \$2,631.00/mo. effective 7/22/2019; Stephanie Davis, new 911 Systems Operator at \$14.34/hour effective 7/1/2019; Travis Wilson – promotion to Sergeant from \$18.66/hour to \$18.81/hour effective 7/11/2019.
- A request for a letter of support was received from Connie Bonfy, associated with Chamber Music at the Barn, for a grant application for a project called Flint Hills Counterpoint. The grant being sought is through the National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town". The project includes the creation of a restored ecosystem just outside Peabody on the property of Susan Mayo, and includes a collaborative musical performance and audiovisual film composition. Novak moved to support the Marion County Flint Hills Counterpoint project. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0. A letter of support was signed by the Board.
- Novak moved to add a Commission discussion about future wind turbines to the current agenda. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented bids for a new 22' flatbed sign trailer:

Jost Fabricating, Hillsboro	\$5,556.00	K-Four Trailer Sales, Inc., Salina	\$6,411.00
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Becker moved to approve the purchase from Jost Fabricating in the amount of \$5,556.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Goebel indicated that he has received backhoe bids and the low bid is right around \$101,000.00. The Board tabled the review of those bids until next week in order to review the Special Equipment budget for 2019.
- Goebel recommended that the County accept concrete road rubble from KDOT to crush for road base and surface material. This had been discussed extensively earlier this year, and the Board's decision had been to decline the material. Novak instructed Goebel to call Harvey County to discuss their experience with reclaimed concrete received from KDOT. No decision was made.

**COUNTY TREASURER:** Co. Treasurer Jeannine Bateman presented a quarterly update. Financial reports were reviewed. Interest rates and pledging were discussed.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION – FUTURE WIND DEVELOPMENT:** Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead joined the session. Novak presented a draft resolution previously prepared by Attorney Pat Hughes to impose a moratorium on future wind project development in order to allow the zoning regulations to be reviewed. Dallke noted that he would want the County's attorneys (Hughes and Jantz) to review the document again prior to adoption to be sure it is still correct. Novak indicated that she has already been in touch with Attorney Pat Hughes about the moratorium. No decision was made. Session recessed for five minutes.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Co. Attorney Joel Ensey presented bids for a desk:

Navrat's Office Products (includes installation)	\$2,045.35
Office Depot (no installation included)	\$2,019.98

Becker moved to accept the bid from Navrat's in the amount of \$2,045.35 including installation. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- A salary sheet was signed for Katelyn Christensen – six month raise from \$10.00/hour to \$10.25/hour effective 7/22/2019. Novak expressed discomfort with family members working together in the same office. Session recessed for 10 minutes.

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**WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING:** A special meeting for the Board of Commissioners to walk through the transfer station project was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 25 at 8:30 a.m.

- Druse indicated that the contaminated soil at the transfer station site needs to be transported to the south shop for processing. Druse recommended County staff move the materials.
- Druse requested permission to build a lean-to shelter for the tire cutting machine. The Board agreed that Druse could research and provide pricing for the structure. Session recessed until 10:45 a.m.

**TRANSFER STATION PROJECT FUNDING OPTIONS:** David Arteberry of George K. Baum & Co. presented options for financing the transfer station project. Scot Loyd of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd was also present. Possible options include issuing general obligation bonds backed by Ad Valorem tax, general obligation bonds backed by sales tax, financing through sales tax only without issuing bonds, creation of a Public Building Commission to issue bonds and then lease the building to the County, leasehold certificates, or a traditional lease purchase. General obligation bond and sales tax options are not subject to the tax lid; however, an election would be required. Lease purchase options are subject to a protest period and payments would be subject to the tax lid. Utilizing / borrowing from the Capital Improvement fund was also discussed. No decision was made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cody Nelson of Nelson-Fowles, LLC suggested that the County utilize a construction management method for the transfer station building project. Nelson suggested that he be paid 5% of the project cost to develop the construction budget and set a guaranteed maximum price for the project. As General Contractor, Nelson would solicit subcontractor bids, but the overall construction project would not be bid out by the engineering firm. No decision was made.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Kent Becker, Chairman

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Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk