

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

December 21, 2020

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, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. 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-19 UPDATE:** A written report from the Health Department indicated total positive cases at 430 confirmed and 187 probable. Currently in Marion County there are 71 active cases, five hospitalizations, and five vital statistic verified deaths. The 14-day positivity rate is 20.6%.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Gehring moved to approve the minutes of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting the 2020 tax roll were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- A salary sheet was signed for Glenda Rutherford – promotion to Paramedic, from \$12.50/hour to \$15.00/hour effective 12/17/2020.
- Gehring moved to pay early checks for payables in the amount of \$22,118.62 (check #'s 50563-50566, 50575). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to pay SPARK reimbursements in the amount of \$116,916.35 (check #'s 50567-50574). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the final (#10) pay estimate for the transfer station project in the amount of \$271,453.55. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to appoint Darryl Ehrlich as Gale Township Trustee. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer requested approval (on behalf of EMS Dir. Travis Parmley) of a \$1,500.00 scholarship for AEMT training for Jeremy Sears. Gehring moved to approve a \$1,500.00 scholarship for AEMT Class contingent upon a signed contract, the ability to pass the course, and verification of the number of hours worked. Gehring rescinded the motion and the topic was tabled until next week.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel reported that the approximate cost of the new bridge for the Local Bridge Improvement Program will likely be around \$250,000.00.

- Upgrading the County's fuel pumps at an approximate cost of \$50,000.00 was discussed with no action.
- Current work was discussed.
- Gehring moved to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for engineering design service consultant (Cost Plus Net Fee Agreement for Engineering Services) for Project 57 C-5069-01 (HRRR Nighthawk & 190<sup>th</sup> intersection improvement). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Gehring said he received a message from Flemings by Goessel in thanks and appreciation for work done on their road so far. All employees including Jesse and Brice have been wonderful.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Crofoot thanked the Clerk's Office staff for great work on the employee Christmas party. The other Commissioners echoed the same. Dallke suggested that if we do it again in the future that perhaps we have the ending point in another community such as Hillsboro.

Gehring wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Jonah Gehring, Chairman

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