

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

July 6, 2021

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Randy Dallke, Comm. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Comm. David Mueller joined the session at 2:35 p.m. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz requested an executive session to discuss matters of litigation. Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss matters of litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) to consult with our attorney for matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board and Jantz present for 20 minutes until 12:57 p.m. with Spencer to be invited in for the last five minutes. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was absent, but provided a written report for the Board. A potential change order of approximately \$554,000.00 for the 330th and Nighthawk rebuild project was noted. The Board asked that a special meeting be scheduled with the contractor and the Co. Engineer for clarification.

- The report also included updates on upcoming and ongoing projects.
- Becker moved to approve Pay Application #1 to Coughlin Co, Inc., totaling \$136,568.63 for chip seal materials for the Nighthawk/330th rebuild. Dallke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman requested permission to contract with a company for tire disposal at \$190.00/ton. After discussion, Crofoot moved to authorize a one-time payment of \$190.00/ton for tire disposal. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- After discussion, Becker moved to change the transfer station hours back to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday on a temporary basis until additional staff members are hired. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. The change will take effect on July 12th.
- Illegal dumping outside the facility during off-hours was discussed with no action.

Counselor Jantz left the session at 1:35 p.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Admin. Diedre Serene requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance for 10 minutes. Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.A.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Serene, and Spencer present for 10 minutes (until 1:57 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open meeting resumed with a motion by Dallke to approve a one-time pay adjustment to be paid from ELC grant funds: \$7,435.00 to Diedre Serene, \$465.00 to Wanda Manickam, \$465.00 to Jessica Gilbert, \$465.00 to Marcy Hostetler, and \$465.00 to Dr. Don Hodson. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- After discussion, Dallke moved to begin charging a \$20.00 administrative fee for COVID-19 vaccines beginning August 1, 2021. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Serene provided information regarding ongoing and upcoming events and department business. No action was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of June 30th. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- A settlement agreement for a lawsuit filed against the County for a slip and fall was presented for approval. Gehring moved to approve and authorize signature by the Chairman as confirmation of the Settlement Agreement and Full and General Release dated June 15, 2021 between the Releasing Party Rodney Hague and the Released Parties, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- An agreement between the City of Hillsboro, Hillsboro City Land Bank, and Marion County regarding transfer of property in Hillsboro to the County for the new EMS Station was presented for approval. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- A salary change sheet was signed for Nicholas Kleiber – new Sheriff's Reserve Officer in the amount of \$15.36/hour effective 6/30/2021.
- Dallke moved to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an application letter for a .gov domain registry. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Dallke moved to accept the resignation of Catlin Township Treasurer Diane Glaser. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Dallke moved to appoint Mel Fleming as Catlin Township Treasurer. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.

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July 6, 2021, Continued

ADMINISTRATIVE, CONTINUED: Spencer requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance. Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board and Spencer present (until 2:28 p.m.). Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

REQUEST – CITY OF RAMONA: A written request submitted by Comm. Mueller on behalf of the City of Ramona outlining a problem with Union Pacific trains frequently blocking both main routes into town was reviewed. The City asked that an alternate route (1/2 mile on 350th just west of Quail Creek) be rock by Marion County to provide access. They also requested that the County send a letter to the railroad seeking reimbursement for the cost of the proposed work. The approximate cost to reshape and rock that 1/2 mile is just over \$31,000.00.

- Commissioner Mueller joined the session at 2:35 p.m. After discussion, Becker moved to proceed with the rebuild of 1/2 mile of 350th just west of Quail Creek and to have the County Counselor draft a letter to Union Pacific expressing concerns and requesting reimbursement. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Becker and Crofoot both commented positively about the fireworks and other events held at the Marion County Park and Lake over the weekend.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Randy Dallke, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk