

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

April 19, 2021

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Vice Chr. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Jonah Gehring, and Comm. David Mueller present. Chr. Randy Dallke joined the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer, Deputy Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich, and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dianne Novak commented against the County's decision to expand the bait shop at the Marion County Park & Lake, stating that this is competition with private businesses in the County. She said that language in revisions to HB2313 could lead to a tax exemption for several private businesses offering the same services (Last Chance Bait, Ace Hardware, and Cenex).

ADMINISTRATIVE: Department revenue reports were reviewed. Capital Improvement fund balances and planned projects were provided for Board review.

- Becker moved to approve the minutes of April 12th. Mueller seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Change orders affecting 2020 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Gehring moved to approve budgeted transfers from R&B Sales Tax (General Fund) to Capital Improvement in the amount of \$93,542.00 and from R&B Maintenance and Improvement – 7 mill (General Fund) to Capital Improvement in the amount of \$327,397.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- A budgeted transfer from Road & Bridge to Special Equipment in the amount of \$133,333 was tabled.
- Chr. Dallke joined the session.
- Gehring moved to approve FMLA leave for a qualified employee. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Flag pole repairs for the courthouse flag pole are needed and are likely to cost between \$800 and \$1,600. The consensus of the Board was to seek quotes for a new, modern flag pole.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Adm. Diedre Serene presented a COVID-19 update. Marion County has seven active cases and the rolling positivity rate is 3.9%. Vaccine information was provided, and Serene said that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is currently not being administered pending additional study. The Pfizer vaccine will be available in the County soon, and the Health Department plans to offer vaccine to children aged 16 to 18.

- Dallke signed an agreement for the ELC Covid-19 Expanded Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$159,148.00.
- Serene opened a discussion regarding department management in her absence, as she will be out for a short period of time beginning April 22nd. 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 with the Board, Jantz, and Serene for 10 minutes (until 1:37 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Co. Clerk Tina Spencer was invited into the session. Open session resumed with a motion by Dallke to temporarily appoint Dr. Don Hodson as Interim Public Health Officer (on a consultant basis) with Wanda Manickam in charge of the health department and Jessica Gilbert assisting effective April 22nd. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett presented two quotes for electrical work at the Park & Lake office:

Elcon Electric	\$1,300.00	Landmark Electric	\$730.00
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Gehring moved to approve the bid from Landmark Electric in the amount of \$730.00. Mueller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

APPRAISER: Co. Appraiser Carl Miller and Asst. Co. Appraiser Nicole Reid presented a department update and requested approval to move ahead with seeking bids for three computers. The Board had no objections.

CO. SHERIFF: Sheriff Rob Craft was present for a quarterly update.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Dir. Randy Frank was present for a department update. Frank requested carry over of 22.75 vacation hours for Marcy Hostetler to be used within 90 days. Becker moved to extend Marcy Hostetler's vacation carryover for 90 days. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- The Board requested that vehicle damage on the Emergency Management truck be turned in to insurance and repaired so that the vehicle may be used by another department once the new Emergency Management vehicle is received and placed into service.

MARION RESERVOIR MASTER PLAN: Roy Goff, Gary Kepley, Amanda Palmer, Kevin McCoy, Jeff Knack, and others were present on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the Marion Reservoir Master Plan. Public comments are now being accepted on the draft plan. Several questions were raised by the Commission and answered by those personnel present.

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April 19, 2021, Continued

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

	Tank #3 5,000 gals.	Unleaded 3,000 gals.	Total
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	2.2864	2.2256	\$18,108.80
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.3090	2.2394	\$18,263.20
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.3150	2.2340	\$18,277.00

Gehring moved to accept the bid from MFA Oil in the amount of \$18,108.80. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Upcoming and ongoing projects were discussed.
- After discussion, Mueller moved that the County offer 30% cost share on the KDOT grant proposal submitted for Indigo. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz presented a draft resolution prohibiting private repair on public property. No action was taken.

- Jantz said he has prepared documentation for the boat dock which has been sent for review.
- Jantz requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance for five minutes. 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 with the Board and Jantz present for 10 minutes (until 3:33 p.m.) Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Mueller said that he attended the 8th Judicial District advisory board meeting.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

Randy Dallke, Chairman