

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

May 10, 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, Comm. Jonah Gehring, and Comm. David Mueller present. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer 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 about the lack of payment for road damages caused by the Diamond Vista wind project in the amount of \$473,020.00 and asked how much longer the Commission is going to allow the project to be in breach of contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE: A COVID-19 update indicated 5 active cases and a rolling positivity rate through May 1st of 15.5%.

- Written notice was received that Co. Attorney Joel Ensey has appointed Laura Viar as Special Prosecutor for Marion County case 21-CR77.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of May 3rd. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Change orders affecting 2020 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Salary sheets were signed for: Donald Stebbins – six-month raise as Corrections Officer from \$13.38/hour to \$13.63/hour effective 5/2/2021; Colleen Mitchell – six-month raise as 911 Systems Operator from \$14.64/hour to \$14.92/hour effective 4/23/2021; Joel Womochil – one year raise as Deputy Sheriff from \$17.32/hour to \$17.99/hour effective 3/31/2021; Corey Seacat – six-month raise as Equipment Operator I from \$2,319.00/mo. to \$2,362.00/mo. effective 5/2/2021; Ronald Woerz – one year raise as Equipment Operator I from \$2,362.00/mo. to \$2,408.00/mo. effective 4/21/2021.
- Gehring moved to approve payables (ck#53608-53609) totaling \$4,250.00. Mueller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to adopt a proclamation establishing May 9th to May 15th, 2021 as Marion County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Benefit cost information for pay plan implementation and basic information on SB13 were provided for review.
- Spencer requested approval to purchase 11 new KnowInk Poll Pads at a cost of \$4,109.00 to replace older models. Dallke moved to purchase 11 units at a cost of \$4,109.00. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman presented cost options to repair the damaged rubber chute at the transfer station. The cost to replace with rubber is \$2,250.00. A metal replacement would cost \$12,500.00. After discussion, Crofoot moved to repair with rubber (at a cost of \$2,250.00). Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Housman is again looking for a truck driver. In addition to advertising for an employee, the Board instructed Housman to also seek bids on a contract hauler.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel requested the carry over of 26 hours of vacation for Jason Creevan. Dallke moved to approve the carryover of 26 vacation hours to be used within 90 days. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Upcoming and ongoing projects were discussed with no action.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: 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 20 minutes, until 2:05 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Becker commented that the County should aim to have funding for at least four months' worth of expenses in the General Fund at all times.

- Dallke said that he would like to see all budgeted transfers made into the Capital Improvement fund as planned for road projects.

Dallke moved to adjourn the regular session and go into a Commission Work Session. Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNTY COMMISSION WORK SESSION: The Board discussed projects and policies that need to be addressed and compiled a basic list, which will need to be prioritized.

- Dallke moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Randy Dallke, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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May 10, 2021, Continued

PROCLAMATION

Marion County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week May 9 – May 15, 2021

WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as Police Week and Congress established the same by joint resolution, and this tradition has been carried forward over the years, with the most recent proclamation issued by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on May 7, 2021.

WHEREAS, National Police (Law Enforcement Officers) Week is intended to pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers play essential roles in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of citizens in Marion County.

WHEREAS, the Board of Marion County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas recognizes that our law enforcement officers at every level are facing ever-increasing challenges as they perform their duties to preserve and protect.

NOW, therefore, the County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2021 through May 15, 2021 Law Enforcement Appreciation Week in Marion County, Kansas. The County Commission calls upon all people to join them in honoring the men and women who have sworn to protect and serve our communities, and to also remember and appreciate the families of law enforcement officers for their support and sacrifice.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.


Randy Dallke, Commission Chairman

Attest:


Tina D. Spencer, Marion County Clerk

