

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

March 22, 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. David Mueller, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the session were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of March 15th. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Salary sheets were signed: Loyal Wedel from \$2,661.00/mo. to \$2,683.00/mo. – equalization effective 4/11/2021; Larry Beck from \$2,911.00/mo. to \$2,936.00/mo. – equalization effective 4/11/2021; Gerald Bender from \$2,065.00/mo. to \$2,076.00/mo.- equalization effective 3/22/2021; Tina Steele – new Administrative Assistant in the Appraiser’s Office at \$2,113.00/mo. effective 3/16/2021.
- Dallke moved to approve the carry-over of 37.25 hours vacation for Larry Larsen to be used within 90 days (clerical error correction). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to approve a shared leave request for a qualified employee in the Sheriff’s Department. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer read a written COVID-19 update from Health Officer Diedre Serene. Marion County has four active cases, and three hospitalizations. The rolling positivity rate through 3/13/21 is 4.7%.
- Mueller moved to continue COVID leave (for County employees) through September 30, 2021. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman presented the annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2020 and the 2021 Management Plan for Board review and approval. Dallke moved to approve the reports. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Housman presented bids for a new 45’ walking-floor trailer:

KNL Holdings/STECO, Inc., Paragould AR	\$62,092.00
Wilkins, Stockton, KS	\$79,995.00

After discussion, Dallke moved to purchase a steel live floor trailer for \$62,092.00 from KNL Holdings/STECO in Paragould, Arkansas unless we can get a reduced price for purchasing two trailers. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Housman noted that he has passed the Basic Weed Training last week.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a quote from Norfolk Contracting, Inc. to provide/install a 24’ wide x 70’ long steel beam bridge to replace the fracture critical bridge located on Goldenrod between 160th and 170th at a cost of \$267,522.00. The project has been approved for funding of up to \$150,000.00 through the Local Bridge Improvement Program. The County’s portion will be \$127,522.00 plus concrete, final grading and traffic control. After discussion, Mueller moved to proceed with replacement of the fracture critical bridge on Goldenrod between 170th and 160th for \$267,522.00 through Norfolk Contracting and to authorize the Chairman to sign the acceptance. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve Change Order #2-1 from Stanfield Roofing (for the south shop – north building) at a cost of \$0.00. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Development of a written policy for road maintenance by citizens was discussed with no action.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett requested Board approval for a Spring Cleanup week or weekend with a liability waiver to be approved by Co. Counselor Jantz. The Board had no objections.

- The number of docks allowed on the lake was discussed with no action.
- Hett requested to close the lake to all non-tournament boats from 5:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 18th in order to hold a Crappie fishing tournament. Crofoot moved to close the lake to the general public for boating on September 18th from 5:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0. Hett was directed to place signage at the lake as soon as possible and to publicize the closure well in advance.
- Hett noted that he will be seeking bids for trash service (and possibly recycling) at the lake.
- The heated dock was discussed. Retrieving the partially constructed new heated dock and bringing it to County owned property for completion was the preferred option for moving forward. Gehring moved that Isaac (Hett) have not to exceed \$3,000.00 to get our property (the dock/materials) to our property (the Lake). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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BURNING RESOLUTION SUGGESTED CHANGE: Goessel Chief Matt Voth, on behalf of the Marion County Fire Chiefs Association, requested that in section II E the wording of Resolution 2017-27 be changed to allow the Emergency Management Director to notify only the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) if a burn ban is put in place instead of notifying the whole Board. The Board will take the request under advisement. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring suggested that at the beginning of each meeting a statement should be made to encourage the public to type their public comments at any time during the meeting, and that they will be read during the public comment time. That way people don't have to stay for the whole meeting, or try to quickly type a comment when the public comment portion of the meeting is opened.

BOCC REVIEW EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS: Dallke moved to recess into executive session to review employee evaluations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with only the Board present for 30 minutes (from 2:35 p.m. until 3:05 p.m.) with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Randy Dallke, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk