

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

November 30, 2020

Commission met for payday and other business 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 Co. Commissioner-Elect David Mueller. Present for portions of the meeting (in person and via teleconference) were County Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Beneke commented that Improvement District #2 may be installing a new pump on the northeast side of the lake, and it might be a good time to add camping sites in that area.

- Beneke commented that the Commission should address the driving habits of an employee that he said he observed driving erratically.
- Claudio Faundez with Blue Cross Blue Shield introduced himself as the County's new Group Enrollment Representative for Marion County.

**PAYDAY:** Gehring moved to approve direct payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$1,640.38. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed and Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Gehring moved to approve credit card payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$2,060.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed and Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Dallke moved to approve payments totaling \$109.50 to Elcon Electric. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed and Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Gehring moved to approve the grand total payables in the amount of \$1,339,144.30 (including payroll at \$570,216.05). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Checks #50231-50523; Voided Checks #50260 and 50411.)
- Gehring moved to approve \$347,093.55 in SPARK payments. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Checks #50524-50525.)

**COVID UPDATE:** A written update from Health Officer Diedre Serene was read during the meeting. 44 active cases, two hospitalizations, and three deaths were reported.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Gehring moved to approve the minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- A new KPERS Designated Agent appointment form was signed by Chr. Gehring.
- A salary sheet was signed for new Road & Bridge Equipment Operator I Tyler Bentz at \$2,267.00/mo. effective 11/23/2020.
- Becker moved to re-open County offices operating under the mask mandate (effective December 1, 2020). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	<u>1,400 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.6590 = \$2,322.60	1.7590 = \$3,430.05	1.6490 = \$3,215.55
MFA Oil, Tampa	1.8730 = \$2,622.20	1.8630 = \$3,632.85	1.8930 = \$3,691.35

Gehring moved to accept the bid from Epp's Service for all three areas. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Goebel indicated that the Board will need to act to begin the process of closing sections of 300<sup>th</sup> and 310<sup>th</sup> following drainage repairs which are nearly complete.
- The bid for the two streambank stabilization projects was discussed briefly and tabled until the scheduled agenda time.

**COUNTY COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined via telephone. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present until 10:00 a.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**STREAMBANK STABILIZATION BID REVIEW/AWARD:** The single bid from Nelson-Fowles Construction was reviewed. Goebel indicated there was a math error on the seeding section, and a revised total for both projects combined was presented in the amount of \$83,450.00. Gehring moved to accept the bid from Nelson -Fowles in the amount of \$83,450.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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**SALVAGE MOWER SEALED BIDS:** Sealed bids for the salvage value of the Hustler mower recently hit by a car were opened and reviewed:

Robert Sellers	\$502.00
Doug Bartel	\$650.00
Tom Holub	\$813.13

Becker moved to accept the high bid in the amount of \$813.13. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**PARK & LAKE:** Dir. Isaac Hett joined the session to discuss the heated dock. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz rejoined via telephone. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz, and Hett present for 15 minutes (until 10:30 a.m.). Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz, and Hett present for 15 minutes (until 10:48 a.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present until 11:10 a.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Novak asked Jantz whether the PILOT received last year has stipulations for which it may be spent. Jantz indicated he was not aware of any, but would verify.
- Novak asked whether funds received through the Road Maintenance Agreement must be spent in the area covered by the agreement. Jantz indicated that is ideal, but funds could also go to the overall budget to reimburse repairs already made.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Comm. Dallke requested that the Emergency Management Dir. be placed on the next agenda for personnel discussion.

- Comm. Novak commented that information provided last week regarding the death of a County resident was not accurate.
- Comm. Novak requested information regarding the model number, software, and operating procedures for vote counting equipment used in Marion County.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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Jonah Gehring, Chairman

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