

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

July 26, 2021

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Randy Dallke, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, 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:** None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup>. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting 2020 and prior years were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Salary sheets were signed: Joshua Meliza from \$17.99/hour to \$18.21 effective 1/24/2020; from \$18.21/hour to \$18.36/hour effective 3/21/2020; from \$18.36/hour to \$18.66/hour effective 12/21/2020 – clerical corrections due to position change to K-9 Officer 1/24/2020; Matthew Regier from \$17.99/hour to \$18.36/hour effective 11/20/2020; from \$18.36/hour to \$18.66/hour effective 12/21/2020 – clerical corrections due to position change to K-9 Officer effective 11/20/2020; Larry Starkey from \$20.23/hour to \$25.95/hour effective 7/14/2021 – change from Sergeant to Undersheriff; James O’Neal – new Transfer Station Worker 1 at \$2,300.00/mo. effective 7/19/2021.
- A COVID-19 update from the Health Department indicated four active cases and no hospitalizations.
- Dallke moved to accept the recommendation provided and appoint Rebecca Ryding and Lisa Blackmore to the Marion County Mental Health Advisory Board. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer asked for guidance on seeking bids for local lease-purchase rates on the two new graders approved for purchase last week. After discussion, Crofoot moved to seek separate bids for each machine for a six-year lease purchase with no balloon payment. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Three of the old units will be sold on Purple Wave when the new equipment is received.)

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

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	1,400 gals.	1,950 gals.	1,950 gals.
Epp’s Service, Elbing	2.3350 = \$3,269.00	2.4150 = \$4,709.25	2.3250 = \$4,533.75
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	2.4528 = \$3,433.92	2.4328 = \$4,743.96	2.4528 = \$4,782.96
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.5152 = \$3,521.28	2.5152 = \$4,904.64	2.5152 = \$4,904.64

Goebel recommended awarding to Epp’s Service for all three areas. Gehring moved to accept Goebel’s recommendation and award to Epp’s Service for a total amount of \$12,512.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve Utility Permit application 21-03 (for Preheim Ag to bore a water line under Sunflower approximately ¼ mile north of 40<sup>th</sup> in sections 17-18/22/04). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve Utility Permit application 21-04 (for Evergy to perform work along and under Jade ½ mile south of Hwy 56 in section 19/34/02). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Ongoing and upcoming projects were discussed with no action.
- Goebel recommended Bridge #149 (on 320<sup>th</sup> east of Wagon Wheel) for the State setoff program application. The Board did not express any objection.

**CO. TREASURER:** Co. Treasurer Jeannine Bateman presented quarterly reports for the second quarter. Tax sales were discussed. Bateman suggested that each year the new tax sale begin on or after December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board requested that Counselor Jantz provide a resolution at the next regular meeting to implement as a policy regarding holding regular delinquent tax sales. Jantz indicated that some properties with titles that need to be cleaned up may be looked at individually on a case-by-case basis.

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING:** Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff provided a department update and discussed ongoing and upcoming programs, meetings, and classes.

- Ratzlaff reported that Burns and Pilsen will remain under Marion County’s agreement for commodities, and other communities have entered their own agreements. The department will continue to facilitate.
- The Peabody Senior Center has requested financial assistance from the department due to recent flooding.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz and the Board reviewed proposed policy work and other items so that Jantz can develop a work plan with timelines. The Board requested that Jantz make contact later in the day with Enel Green Power regarding the status of the payment to the County under the Road Maintenance Agreement.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments meeting the Board’s minimum standard for personal identification were submitted online and there were no members of the public present in person.

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**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Becker commented that the County should continue to pursue courthouse security.

- Dallke expressed concern regarding the slope on the proposed site for the new EMS Station in Hillsboro and encouraged the other Board members to take a look.
- Gehring stated that the County's interest and preparation for the upcoming Father Kapaun events in Pilsen are from a public safety standpoint, as would be done for any large event within the County.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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Randy Dallke, Chairman