

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

August 2, 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: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 26th and July 30th. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Dallke abstaining due to absence on July 30th (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- A change order affecting the 2018 tax roll was reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Dallke moved to approve payables of \$10,841.85 (Checks #54305-54306). Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Road & Bridge:** Mueller moved to approve the contract with KDOT for an off-system bridge system project (57C-5070-01) (Eagle Road 3.5 miles west and 3.6 miles north over French Creek). Dallke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Dallke moved to approve the contract with KDOT and accept project 57-C-5127-01 (HRRR) for safety measures at Indigo and 130th. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- A report from Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was presented by Spencer, including several items of business:
- Transport fuel bids were reviewed:

	Tank #3	Tank #1	Unleaded	Total
	4,000 gals.	1,500 gals.	2,500 gals.	
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.5416	2.2971	2.5075	\$19,880.80
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.5739	2.2953	2.5101	\$20,013.80

Gehring moved to approve the bid from Epp's Service in the amount of \$19,880.80. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Jantz was directed to seek a recommendation from Sheriff Rob Craft regarding a potential speed limit change on Upland Road and to present a draft resolution for approval based on that recommendation.
- Goebel's report recommended closing 190th from Chisholm Trail to K-15. The Board wants to review the area before moving forward with any legal processes (including a hearing). Remaining Road & Bridge business was tabled until later in the session.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett presented proposals from engineering firms to assess and provide a technical report to include recommended corrective action for storm damage to the dam:

Sustainable Environmental Consultants, Des Moines, IA	\$3,850.00 (plus mileage and incidental charges)
GeoEngineers, Springfield, MO	\$7,378.00

Hett noted that both firms have offices in Kansas. Mueller moved to accept the quote from Sustainable Environmental Consultants to inspect the County Lake dam at the fee(s) outlined in the proposal. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Hett presented income and expense reports for the bait shop.
- Other topics discussed with no action were the upcoming Bluegrass Festival and road conditions.
- Hett asked whether the Board wanted to add an overhang on one side of the outside walkway of the heated dock project. The estimated cost is \$10,000.00. The Board was not in favor at this time, but asked Hett to see if there is a way to add an overhang at a later date.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Dir. Randy Frank requested formal adoption (promulgation) of the Emergency Operations Plan for Marion County. The Board requested additional information be shared with them prior to formal adoption. A special session was scheduled for the afternoon of August 16th.

- Frank noted that any damage to the dam will likely be the responsibility of the County because there is no existing federal disaster declaration, and the deadline for the County to submit cost estimates for repairs is August 3 at noon.

4-H PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION GIFT BASKETS: Tristin Cope and Rickey Roberts, Agents for Chisholm Trail Extension District and 4-H'ers representing clubs in Marion County joined the session. Jordy with Lincolnville Wide Awake, Wyatt, representing South Cottonwood, Ryker with Happy Hustlers, Hanne with Tampa Triple T's, and Autumn with Peabody Achievers presented project gift baskets to each Commissioner.

ADMINISTRATIVE/Road & Bridge: After discussion the Board directed Jantz to determine the appropriate way to amend an old agreement dated January 6, 1978 which stated that the directors of Whitewater River Watershed would provide and install a guard rail along both sides of a county road between Sections 30-30/Township 22 South/Range 4 East prior to completion of Watershed Dam Site 9. The guard rails were not installed, and the Board had no objection to removing the requirement.

- Goebel's report outlined the status of ongoing and upcoming projects. No action was taken by the Board.

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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 eight minutes (until 2:41 p.m.). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz noted that he had sent the Board several items pertaining to the possible establishment of a land bank. The Board scheduled a work session on August 16th at 10:30 a.m. to review and discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Dallke noted that he has received a citizen concern regarding some noxious weeds in the County and that he will follow up on the situation.

- Gehring reiterated that a citizen conveyed they were happy to see evidence of some ditches being sprayed.
- Gehring commented that he wanted to reiterate the command trailer was purchased with the intent for it to be used for keeping vaccine and remotely going around from community to community to administer vaccine. He noted that he was scolded for buying a trailer and not getting needles in people's arms.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Randy Dallke, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk