

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

October 4, 2021

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Vice-Chr. Dave Crofoot, Comm. David Mueller, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Comm. Randy Dallke was absent. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz attended via teleconference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Salary sheets were signed for Gregory Waite, new Corrections Officer at \$15.36/hour effective 9/8/21 and Tena Waner, new Administrative Specialist I for Co. Treasurer's Office at \$2,300.00/mo. effective 10/1/2021.

- Mueller moved to approve the minutes of September 27th and September 30th. Gehring seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- Pay Application #3 to NF Construction for the heated dock project in the amount of \$79,785.00 was presented for approval. Mueller moved to approve Pay Application #3. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Pay Application #3 to NF Construction for the EMS Station in the amount of \$117,285.30 was presented for approval. Gehring moved to approve Pay Application #3. Mueller seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- An administrative correction for the September 30th payroll was signed by the Board.

APPRAISER: Co. Appraiser Nikki Reid was present for a quarterly department update with no Board action requested.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman was present for a quarterly department update with no Board action requested. Housman reported a patron accident that occurred at the Transfer Station.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented Transport Fuel Bids for review:

	Tank #3 3,000 gals.	Tank #1 1,200 gals.	Unleaded 3,500 gals.	Total
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	2.8130	2.5607	2.4894	\$20,224.74
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.8120	2.5560	2.4934	\$20,230.10
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.8275	2.5724	2.5290	\$20,420.88

Becker moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil in the amount of \$20,224.74. Mueller seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- The local bridge improvement program grant application was discussed. Goebel suggested either the bridge on 170th between Alfalfa & Bluestem or the bridge on Holly between 80th and 90th. After discussion, Mueller moved to submit a grant application for Holly between 80th and 90th (Bridge #182). Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Ongoing and upcoming projects were discussed with no Board action.
- Crofoot 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 for 30 minutes (until 1:55 p.m.) with the Board, Jantz, Goebel, and Spencer present. Mueller seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with a motion to recess back into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes (until 2:15 p.m.) with the Board, Jantz, Goebel, and Spencer present. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION – ROAD & BRIDGE POSITIONS AND PAY STRUCTURE: Goebel requested Board guidance for personnel retention and hiring. The department is understaffed and it is difficult to find qualified applicants. Goebel said an increase in pay and / or changes to position descriptions may be needed. The Board directed Goebel to develop an objective rating system for Commission review that could be used to adjust operators based on their abilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Crofoot reported that the chili cookoff event at the Park & Lake was well attended, and that the new dock (for heated dock project) should be delivered this week. There is also progress on the EMS building.

- Becker noted upcoming candidate forums for School Board positions.

Crofoot moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Randy Dallke - Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk