

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

November 16, 2020

Commission met in regular session 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 was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were County Counselor Brad Jantz (by phone), County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Eric Meyer of Hoch Publishing delivered comments posted online in response to an editorial posted over the weekend, and requested that the Commission implement a mask mandate and limitation on mass gatherings and for the County to provide enforcement. A letter from Rex Savage, in opposition to a mask mandate was reviewed.

ADMINISTRATIVE: The agenda was amended to remove Ron Jirak and to add an executive session for personnel/performance.

- Dallke moved to approve the minutes of November 9th. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve pay estimate #9 for the transfer station project in the amount of \$120,249.52. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Salary sheets were signed: Christina Weiser, new Corrections Officer at \$13.08/hour effective 11/9/2020; Corey Seacat, new Equipment Operator I at \$2,267.00/mo. effective 11/2/2020.
- Gehring moved to approve SPARK payables in the amount of \$406,616.67 (checks #50183-50219). Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a road crossing permit for RWD#1 / Ron Jirak to install a water line across Mustang between 290th and 300th. Gehring moved to approve permit 2020-20 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- The Board directed Goebel to advertise for sealed bids for the salvage value of the Hustler mower recently totaled by insurance.
- Dallke moved to purchase a replacement Hustler mower from Car Quest. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Ongoing projects were discussed with no action.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance with the Board and Spencer present pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

COVID UPDATE/ MASK DISCUSSION: Public Health Officer Diedre Serene and Medical Advisor Don Hodson joined the session. Serene provided updated COVID statistics.

- A letter from Marion and Harvey County health care providers was reviewed by the Board. The letter requested a mask mandate and a limit on mass gatherings.
- Hodson and Serene both requested that a mask mandate be implemented by the Board.
- After discussion, Dallke moved to implement a mask mandate in public places when two or more people are present and social distancing of 6' cannot be maintained through December 31, 2020. Crofoot seconded and motion failed 2-3 with Novak, Becker, and Gehring opposed.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance with the Board, Spencer, and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz (by phone) included pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Beneke stated he was present to officially concede the election for County Commissioner 2nd District to Dave Mueller.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Dallke commented that no matter how the vote goes in the Commission meetings, that the Board is still working for the people of Marion County and thanked the other Commissioners.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk