

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

January 24, 2022

Commissioners met at the Marion County Park & Lake Heated Dock for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. with Chr. David Mueller, Comm. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer, Park & Lake Supt. Isaac Hett, Park & Lake personnel Adam Benson and Gerald Bender, other County staff, members of the public, and members of the press. Chr. Mueller and Supt. Hett welcomed those in attendance and Hett cut the ceremonial ribbon. Refreshments were served by the County Clerk's Office.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Chr. Mueller announced that Planning/Zoning Case 21-03 for Harmoni Towers will be postponed an additional week until 1/31/2022 so that Co. Counselor Brad Jantz may be present. Parties of interest have been notified.

- It was noted that the IT Discussion scheduled for 1:00 p.m. will be postponed. No other agenda changes were noted.
- A thank you letter was received from Clayton Jantz for the opportunity to hunt at the former landfill site.
- Change orders affecting 2021 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session at approximately 12:35 p.m.
- A salary sheet was signed for new part-time Dispatcher Anastasia LeRoy in the amount of \$15.36/hour effective 1/21/2022.
- Dallke moved to approve the minutes of January 18th. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- **2022 Budget Allocations:** Budget allocations for 2022 were presented for official approval.
 - The allocation request for Prairie View in the amount of \$94,403.00 was tabled. Representatives from Prairie View will be scheduled to speak with the Board.
 - Dallke moved to approve an allocation of \$65,000.00 for Harvey/Marion County CDDO. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
 - Gehring moved to approve \$16,700.00 for the Marion County Fair. Crofoot seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Becker moved to approve the request from Kansas Legal Service in the amount of \$4,000.00. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
 - A request from FACT was tabled pending an update / financial report to the Commission.
 - Becker moved to approve \$6,000.00 to the Marion Co. Food Bank. Dallke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Early checks were presented for approval in the amount of \$21,275.50. Gehring moved to approve the early checks. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Checks #50327-50328.)

CO CLERK – COMPUTER BIDS: Spencer presented bids to replace several computers:

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| CDWG | Lenovo Think Centre M90a tiny i9 | \$1,560.73 | |
| CDWG | Dell Optiplex 7090 micro | \$1,293.01 | |
| CDWG | Lenovo Think Centre M90a tiny i7 | \$1,444.33 | |
| CDWG | Lenovo Think Centre M90a tiny i7 vpro | \$1,308.53 | (six-week lead time) |
| GPCN | Nobilis P3320 | \$1,494.80 | |

Spencer's recommendation was to purchase one Lenovo Think Centre M90a tiny i9 for the County Clerk and either two or three of the Dell Optiplex 7090's for staff. After discussion, Dallke moved to approve the purchase of two or three staff computers at a cost of \$1,293.01 each and one computer for the Co. Clerk at a cost of \$1,560.73 with the total not to exceed \$5,500.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman presented the 2021 Weed Eradication Report and 2022 Weed Management Plan for Board approval. Gehring moved to approve the 2021 Noxious Weed Eradication Report. Dallke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Becker moved to approve the 2022 Marion County Noxious Weed Management Plan. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Housman updated the Board on department activities. The Board requested that a discussion regarding payment structure for C&D and excess commercial waste be placed on the agenda on or around February 14th.

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CO. TREASURER: Co. Treasurer Susan Berg updated the Board on department activities and noted that she is considering closing the Treasurer's Office daily at 4:30 p.m. to allow for balancing funds and timely staff departure.

- Mueller 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, Berg, Jantz, and Spencer present for five minutes, until 1:40 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Dir. Krista Schneider presented a Safe Kids grant application for approval. Dallke moved to approve the submission of the grant application and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Mueller 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, Schneider, Jantz, and Spencer present for 20 minutes until 2:05 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

CO. APPRAISER: Co. Appraiser Nikki Reid was present for department business. Updates on current department activities and timelines were provided.

- Reid requested carryover of 17.5 hours vacation for an employee, to be used by February 28th. Dallke moved to carry over 17.5 hours vacation for an employee to be used by the end of February. Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #1 – ARP REQUEST: Autumn Chisholm requested that the County consider funding upcoming water district projects through the American Rescue Plan. No action was taken, but it was noted that a plan regarding the ARP funds is being developed.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASING DISCUSSION: Patrick Oehm with Murphy Tractor was present to discuss the recent purchase of two motor graders and the County's decision not to seek bids from multiple vendors. Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was also present. It was noted that the County based the purchase of Caterpillar equipment on several factors, including past performance, mechanics' ease of working on the equipment, and consistency within the department. Oehm noted that seeking bids from multiple vendors helps to keep costs down.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel clarified that KDOT is responsible for the stop sign at K-15 and 330th, not the County.

- A bid opening for crack-seal proposals was scheduled for 11 a.m. on Monday, February 14th.
- Pricing was presented for a back-up generator for the County Shop. Goebel recommended the 80 kW Generac Gas model be purchased in the amount of \$38,643.62 (plus cement pad and installation).

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| 60 kW Generac Nat. Gas | \$31,233.83 | 80 kW Cat Nat. Gas | \$49,836.27 (28 weeks) |
| 80 kW Genarac Nat. Gas | \$38,643.62 | 70 kW MTU Nat. Gas | \$49,893.80 (27 weeks) |
| 80 kW Koehler Nat. Gas | \$51,623.90 (56 weeks) | 80 kW Koehler Nat. Gas | \$53,623.90 (56 weeks) |
| 60 kW Cat Diesel | \$42,103.90 (28 weeks) | 80 kW Cat Diesel | \$49,836.27 (28 weeks) |

Mueller moved to purchase the 80 kW Generac natural gas model in the amount of \$38,643.62 to be paid from Road & Bridge (capital outlay line item). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to potential conflict of interest. (Abstention counted with majority prevailing.)

- Salary sheets were signed: Antone Vinduska – new Equipment Operator I at \$2,536.00 effective 1/19/2022; Dale Nellans – from \$2,825.00/mo. to \$2,936.00/mo. effective 1/21/2022 - change from Equipment Operator II to Equipment Operator III; Kenneth Knust – from \$2,825.00/mo. to \$2,936.00/mo. effective 1/21/2022 – change from EOII to EOIII; Robert Shippy – from \$2,830.00/mo. to \$2,936.00/mo. effective 1/21/2022 – change from EOII to EOIII; Loyal Wedel – from \$2,716.00/mo. to \$2,936.00/mo. effective 1/21/2022 – change from EOII to EOIII.
- Mueller noted that the Board will still be reviewing the salary structure / career path for the Road & Bridge Department in the near future.
- The Board requested that Goebel provide them with updated section maps with operator information.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING/TOURISM: Discussion ensued regarding potential planning for infrastructure needs should Father Emil Kapaun be sainted. After discussion, Becker moved to approve the use of not to exceed \$500.00 of Transient Guest Funds for consultation (with Russ Ewy of Baughman Co.) in regard to Father Kapaun related County future needs/resources. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Dallke reiterated that infrastructure needs should be considered first, before tourism or other issues.

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COMMISSION COMMENTS: Upcoming topics for work sessions and the meeting schedule for January 31st were discussed.

Becker moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

David Mueller, Chairman