

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

April 18, 2022

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. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Jonah Gehring, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Also present was Deputy County Clerk Ashley Herpich. Present for portions of the session were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of April 11th and April 14th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- A salary sheet was signed for David Silhan, Equipment Operator II in the amount of \$2,830.00/mo. – rehired effective April 4, 2022.
- Gehring moved to approve an early check (#51018) in the amount of \$25.00. Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- The Board reviewed a letter of interest from the City of Marion, offering \$37,500.00 for a 1997 Caterpillar 120h motor grader being sold by the County. Discussion was tabled until later in the meeting.
- The Board reviewed an ad for National Volunteer Week (April 17-23, 2022). Becker moved to approve the ad to be published and to post on social media. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- DJ Worth of Orsted noted that he and Claire Dittrich were present and available to answer any questions the Board may have about the Expedition / Sunflower wind project. The project is ready to move forward as soon as a Notice to Proceed is issued.
- Mueller thanked the County Clerk's Office for their work putting together the Employee Appreciation luncheon on April 15th. He also thanked Comm. Dallke for supplying the grill and Comm. Gehring for supplying Hillsboro sausage. He extended appreciation to Marion County employees for their work.
- Mueller distributed the mission statement exercise results from last week.
- Ambulance Director Travis Parmley reported that the department is moving into the new station in Hillsboro today.

COUNTY COUNSELOR: Sunflower/Expedition Wind Project: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz presented an email received from Orsted representative Jonathan Vasdekis confirming the proposal for securities for decommissioning, roads and communications. Decommissioning will be secured by letter of credit from a third party. Roads & communications will be secured by parent company guaranty. Dallke moved to accept the email proposal of a letter of credit with a third party for the decommissioning security and that the forms of security proposed are sufficient (acceptable to the County). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Jantz provided written proof that the subcontractor of Asphalt Paving and Maintenance has been paid. Mueller moved to re-confirm the settlement agreement (previously approved) and issue the check directly to APM. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Jantz reported that a proposed property purchase from Gary Diepenbrock is in progress and should be complete within the next couple of weeks with closing expected through Security 1st Title.
- Jantz is waiting on KDHE to sign a release pertaining to the accident clean-up previously discussed. Jantz provided a copy of a petition filed by the County's insurance-appointed attorney to collect damages from a collision in 2021. No Board action is required.

ANNEX REMODEL BID OPENING: Parmley and Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead were present. Bids for renovations to the annex building were opened and reviewed:

Electrical	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4	Total
Funk Electric, Goessel	\$2,789.79				\$ 2,789.79
<u>Carpentry</u>					
Hett Carpentry, Marion	\$2,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$3,400.00	\$12,600.00
NF Construction, Marion	\$2,591.00	\$2,567.00	\$3,318.00	\$2,250.00	\$10726.00
<u>Plumbing</u> – no bids					
<u>Paint</u>					
Hett Carpentry, Marion	\$10,600.00				\$10,600.00
<u>Carpet</u>					
Hett Carpentry, Marion	\$12,000.00				\$12,000.00
County Seat, Marion	\$ 7,736.00				\$ 7,736.00
Supreme Floor, Hillsboro	\$ 8,232.00				\$ 8,232.00

(alternate bid including asbestos removal \$9,982.00)

No action was taken. The bids will be summarized for potential action at the next meeting.

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CO. TREASURER: Co. Treasurer Susan Berg informed the Board that she has sent out letters to all taxpayers who have unpaid taxes from 2017 and prior years. If payment is not received by May 10th the taxes will be turned over to Kelly Law for collection around June 1st. Berg reported a good response to the letters.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Dir. Krista Schneider provided a quarterly update including department activities, staffing, COVID-19 statistics, and more.

- Schneider is working on a contract for Dietitian services with WIC Registered Dietician Tracy Sabo from Konza Prairie Community Health Center in Geary County.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett attended via teleconference. Hett asked the Board for permission to get bids for updates to the Lake Hall including changing lighting from florescent to LED, painting the exterior of the building including the attached bathrooms. Hett also wants to seek bids for painting the exterior of the Lake Office. The Board gave permission for Hett to seek bids.

SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SCKEDD) APPOINTMENT: Gehring offered a nomination for Matt Skiles to serve on the SCKEDD Board of Directors. Mueller offered a nomination for Emily Costello Kannady. Crofoot seconded the nomination of Kannady. Becker seconded the nomination of Stiles. After discussion, Kannady was elected 3-2 to serve on the SCKEDD Board of Directors (as the Marion County representative).

Session recessed for five minutes (until 1:45 p.m.).

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel joined the session. The interest letter for a motor grader from the City of Marion in the amount of \$37,500 was reviewed. After discussion the consensus was to wait to see what the other motor graders sell for on Purple Wave.

- Landowner Use Agreement was discussed with no action.
- Culvert Policy was discussed. The Board would like to stay with the previous policy stating the County pays up to a 30ft culvert replacement. Anything over 30ft or to add another entrance the citizen is responsible for paying. The County Counselor will have the revised policy for the Board next week.
- Rock from the Lincolnville Query was discussed. Mueller asked the Board to give Goebel flexibility in using that rock where appropriate. Goebel will follow up with more information.
- A request was received to use the northwest corner of 110th and Sunflower (a portion of which is in County right-of way) for a batch plant for the Expedition/Sunflower project. The consensus of the Board is to allow Orsted to use the corner with proper permitting in place.
- Goebel requested a new "Technician" position be added to his department under the supervision of the Co. Engineer. The Board expressed support for Goebel to gather information for future consideration.
- Goebel asked Jantz whether NRCS has authority to flood County roads. Jantz said no.
- Goebel requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matter of non-elected personnel with the Board, Goebel, Jantz, and Herpich present for 5 minutes (until 2:45 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring noted that Goebel does have some authority to use the Bergkamp rock.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

ROAD & BRIDGE WORK SESSION: A work session to discuss Road & Bridge projects ensued with the Board, Co. Engineer Brice Goebel, members of the public and members of the press in attendance. No decisions were made. Work session adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

David Mueller, Chairman