

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

November 9, 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, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Comm. Dave Crofoot attended by teleconference. 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 COMMENTS: Commissioner Becker read a prepared comment from Erin Wiebe, encouraging the Board to implement a County-wide mask mandate.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Department Revenue reports and Senior Citizens of Marion County meeting information were reviewed.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of October 26th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Gehring moved to approve the minutes of October 30th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Salary sheets were signed for Colleen Mitchell – from \$13.25/hour to \$14.34/hour - change from part-time to full-time 911 Systems Operator effective 10/23/2020 and Donald Stebbins – new Corrections Officer at \$13.08/hour effective 11/2/2020.
- Chr. Gehring signed the Determination of Level of Review form for Middlecreek Corporation's CDBG-CV grant.
- Gehring moved to approve the township notice for Last Chance Bait. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Chr. Gehring signed the notice.
- Gehring moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$14,473.82. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Check #'s 50176-50177)
- Proposed holiday and payday schedules for 2021 were presented for approval. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the holiday schedule as presented. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Gehring moved to approve the 2021 payday schedule as presented. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Roofing bids were discussed. Additional information including warranties and additional cost for payment/performance bonds was reviewed. After discussion, Dallke moved to approve the total bid of Stanfield Roofing for all listed locations in the amount of \$133,538.61 with the cost of a payment/performance bond added to the cost of the bid. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The employee Christmas party was discussed. Gehring moved to hold the party as usual at the Lake Hall in the evening. Novak seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Crofoot opposed. Gehring moved to have staff develop an alternative method for the party should unforeseeable events arise. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented transport fuel bids for review:

	Tank #3	Tank #1	Unleaded	
	4,500 gals.	1,000 gals.	2,500 gals.	Total
MFA Oil, Tampa	1.6840	1.4154	1.4332	\$12,576.40
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.7105	1.4505	1.4364	\$12,738.75
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	1.7890	1.5330	1.4731	\$13,266.25

Goebel recommended approval of the low bid from MFA Oil. Gehring moved to accept Goebel's recommendation and approve the bid from MFA Oil in the amount of \$12,576.40. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- After discussion, the Board directed Goebel to solicit sealed bids for the salvaged Hustler mower.
- Dallke moved to replace the Hustler mower with the same model pending bid review. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Goebel reported that FEMA is beginning to review 2019 flood damage.

TRANSFER STATION: Dir. Josh Housman presented bids for rubber tires for the Bobcat skid steer:

Setco: \$3,229.09 | Rod's Tire & Service: \$3,855.00. Dallke moved to purchase from Setco in the amount of \$3,229.09. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Bids for four semi tires were reviewed: Rod's Tire & Service: \$984.00 | Webster's Auto \$1,173.56. Gehring moved to approve the bid from Rod's in the amount of \$984.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Housman reported that the department needs another walking floor trailer. He will provide bids for a new trailer and also for potential repair.
- After discussion, Gehring moved to close the Transfer Station on the Saturdays following Thanksgiving and Christmas, provided that accommodations are made for major haulers. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Housman received approval to host the meal for the upcoming District Noxious Weed Meeting.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Admin. Diedre Serene requested payout of 160 hours of vacation hours that she was not able to take due to the Public Health emergency. Gehring moved to pay out 160 vacation hours unable to be used due to COVID. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Serene requested full-time status for an employee retroactive to August. The issue was tabled pending staff review.
- **COVID-19 Update:** Serene reported 94 active cases, with 4 hospitalizations.
- Serene requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance for 10 minutes with Jantz and Spencer included. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance with the Board, Serene, Jantz and Spencer present for 10 minutes pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel (until 11:24 a.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Gehring issued a directive that Serene be allowed to utilize Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Marcy Hostetler full time at the Health Department for the next two weeks.

CO. TREASURER: Co. Treasurer Jeannine Bateman presented a quarterly department update.

- **SPARK Business:** Bateman presented the CRF County Expense Reporting Document for Board approval. After discussion, Becker moved to approve the CRF County Expense Reporting Document. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
 - Becker moved to approve an addendum for Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd changing from 1.465% administrative fee to 2.541%. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. The addendum (for a total contract cost of \$60,731.00) was signed by the Board.
 - Dallke moved to approve the warrant register for SPARK reimbursements for a total of \$295,602.28. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest. (Abstention counted with majority prevailing.) (Checks #50178-50182.)

COMMISSION BUSINESS: Gehring moved to add two additional executive sessions to the agenda (for personnel/performance and initial discussion for acquisition of real estate). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Crofoot left the session briefly. Gehring moved to recess into executive session for contract negotiation with the Board, Jantz and Co. Engineer Brice Goebel present pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation for 10 minutes (until 12:24 p.m.). Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Crofoot joined the executive session, but Goebel did not attend. Open session resumed with no action.
- Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) with the Board and Jantz present for 10 minutes (until 12:38 p.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance for 10 minutes with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel (until 12:51 p.m.). Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed early with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring provided a projected schedule and expenses related to the creation of a County Administrator position for Board review and future discussion.

- Novak commented that Marion County should be cautious and provide greater transparency and observation of the election and vote counting process.
- Novak commented that she will distribute information related to the wind project court case to anyone who requests it now that the case has been dismissed.
- Becker commented that he would like the Board to establish a policy for local bidding within a certain percentage or dollar amount.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk