

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

October 30, 2020

Commission met for payday and other business 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 was absent. 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: None.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of August was received in the amount of \$60,119.78.

PAYDAY: A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. Reports showing payments to Western Associates and Elcon Electric were reviewed.

- Becker moved to approve payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$1,367.30. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Dallke moved to approve payments to Elcon Electric in the amount of \$4,211.81. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0 with Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Gehring moved to approve the grand total payday in the amount of \$1,713,592.43 (including payroll at \$544,270.99). Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. (Checks #49922-50175, Voided Check #49959).

ADMINISTRATIVE: CDBG-CV Duplication of Benefits Agreements were received from several businesses already approved for grant funding, and were signed by Chr. Gehring.

- Dallke moved to approve the Cost-Plus Net Fee Agreement for Engineering Services on Project 57C-5046-01 (emergency repair at 290th & Nighthawk) and authorize the Chairman to sign. Becker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- Gehring moved to pay an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for a payment / performance bond for Ben's Boat Docks subject to staff review. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.

MORTGAGE RELEASE: City of Marion Economic Development Director Randy Collett was called to the session by the Board to discuss a proposed mortgage release for the former McGregor's building in Marion. The mortgage was filed when the County provided microloan funding. The loan has been delinquent/defunct for several years. After discussion, Becker moved to release the mortgage on Lots 17 and 19, Original Town of Marion commonly known as 301 E. Main, Marion. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Becker moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the mortgage release document. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT BUSINESS: Becker moved to recess into executive session for contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz, Goebel, Gene Unruh, Gary Unruh, and Pamela Unruh present until 10:15 a.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to recess back into executive session for contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, the Unruh's, Goebel, and Jantz until 10:35 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to recess into executive session for contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, the Unruh's, Goebel and Jantz present until 10:55 a.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Dallke wished everyone running for office good luck, and reminded everyone to get out and vote.

- Gehring expressed frustration that the next round of the tax sale seems to be taking a long time.
- Novak said that the COVID related expenses for the Juvenile Detention Facility will fall back on the sponsoring counties.
- Novak suggested that a note be added to the agenda to silence cell phones.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk