

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

October 19, 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 Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Salary sheets were signed: Jerid Schafers, new Transfer Station Equipment Operator I at \$2,267.00/mo. effective 10/7/2020; Carl Miller, new (part time) County Appraiser at \$2,500.00/mo. effective 10/13/2020; Nicole Reid – change from Interim Appraiser to Assistant Appraiser effective 10/13/2020 (no change in pay).

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of October 13th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve pay estimate #8 on the transfer station project in the amount of \$203,754.61. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to approve a CDBG-CV Grant for Middlecreek Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel noted that he has listed the red Kenworth dump truck and the County's bucket truck on Purple Wave.

- A vehicle damage report was provided for Board review on the Hustler 60" mower that was recently hit by an oncoming car. Estimated cost to repair and replace were also reviewed with no decision.
- Gehring moved to approve the off system bridge replacement program for a bridge at 230th & Eagle Road with a County cost not to exceed \$147,000.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

AMBULANCE: Dir. Travis Parmley requested to move forward with repairs to the A6 (Tampa) ambulance, which has damage to the rear fender that will cost \$1,722.20 to repair. Gehring moved to approve the repair in the amount of \$1,722.20. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Parmley reported that he has listed two old ambulances for sale on Purple Wave. The Board did not object.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Dir. Diedre Serene provided a COVID-19 update.

- Serene provided a department update including completed and upcoming flu clinics.
- After discussion, Crofoot moved to pay for flu shots for non-insured County employees. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Gehring opposed.

SPARK GRANT APPROVALS: SPARK business and non-profit grant recommendations from the SPARK Taskforce were presented for Board approval:

Non-Profit Grants (totaling \$542,368)

Marion Country Club	\$ 17,639
Tabor College	\$226,014
MN Co. Ministerial Alliance	\$ 60,000
Salem Home	\$ 36,392
Hillsboro American Legion	\$ 18,000
Bethesda Home	\$ 67,261
Marion VFW	\$ 25,140
St. Luke Hospital Foundation	\$ 14,343
Parkside Homes	\$ 19,179
Peabody Main St. Association	\$ 18,753
Hillsboro Kiwanis	\$ 2,746
Marion County Food Bank	\$ 8,575
Marion Kiwanis	\$ 5,000
Hillsboro Municipal Golf Assn.	\$ 5,294
Peabody Senior Center	\$ 1,500
St. John Lutheran Church	\$ 3,361
Peabody Community Foundation	\$ 3,320
Hillsboro Public Library	\$ 3,605
Burns Public Library	\$ 486
Peabody Dreamers	\$ 760
Main Street Ministries	\$ 5,000

Business Grants (totaling \$206,371)

Country Haven Inn	\$ 7,955
Elgin Hotel	\$11,083
Flying Eagle	\$18,767
Home Resort Spa	\$ 7,955
Prudent Travel & Tours	\$ 4,827
The Core	\$ 4,827
Diamond in the Rough	\$ 2,150
Gambino's	\$ 4,827
Unique Designs	\$ 3,264
Fuzzy's Place	\$ 3,200
Main Street Café & Bakery	\$ 6,256
Peabody Health & Rehab	\$35,970
Sprowls Construction	\$ 4,827
HRK Variety Store	\$ 4,692
56 Express Tire & Service	\$15,000
Marion Assisted Living	\$18,903
TC's What Not Shop	\$ 4,827
Peabody Market	\$11,083
Westview Manor of Peabody	\$11,350
Kenney Setter LLC	\$ 3,128
Flint Hills Gypsies	\$ 3,128

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October 19, 2020, Continued

SPARK GRANT APPROVALS, CONTINUED:

Business Grants, Continued

Hatton's Hometown Hardware, Inc.	\$ 7,955
Kathy's Floral Designs	\$ 4,827
Mane Street Beautique	\$ 743
Rural Route Relics	\$ 4,827

After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the awards per the recommendations of the SPARK Task force for the business and non-profit grants. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSIONS: Gehring moved to recess into executive session for a department head review pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Weed/HHW/Transfer Station Dir. Josh Housman present for 15 minutes (until 10:37 a.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Upon return to open session, a salary sheet was signed for Housman for a six month raise from \$3,200.00/mo. to \$3,501.00/mo. effective 08/18/2020.

- Gehring 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 for 15 minutes with Housman and the Board present (until 10:55 a.m.). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session.
- Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of nonelected personnel for 15 minutes with the Board, Jantz, and Emergency Mgmt. Dir. Randy Frank present. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Frank requested that the session remain open. Gehring moved to vote down the executive session. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. The Board questioned Frank regarding a perceived delay in responding to a request from the City of Hillsboro for a copy of the County's Emergency Operations Plan. No action was taken.
 - Frank requested that the Commission approve payout of vacation hours that will be forfeited next month due to not being able to take time off during the Public Health Emergency. No decision was made, but the request will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION: Sheriff Robert Craft joined the session. Ramona Mayor Bill Alcorn expressed concerns that the City of Ramona is not receiving adequate patrolling/response from the Sheriff's Office. In addition he expressed concerns about known illegal activity that continues in Ramona. Craft responded to questions.

- Craft expressed a continued need for a storage building. The Board indicated a more inclusive approach to the building is the preference.
- Craft reported that items have been sold recently on Purple Wave. Some of the proceeds will go toward a second K9 to be utilized on the night shift.
- Craft asked the Board to consider raising wages for Corrections Officers. No action was taken.
- A salary sheets was signed for Colleen Mitchell – new part time 911 Systems Operator at \$13.25/hour effective 10/5/2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Beneke said he can attest to some of the statements made regarding Ramona. He also asked whether County Commission meetings could possibly be moved to Noon on Tuesdays.

CO. COUNSELOR: Jantz requested an executive session to discuss matters of litigation for 30 minutes with Co. Engineer Brice Goebel to be invited in for a portion of the closed session. Gehring moved to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss matters of litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board and Jantz present. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. It was noted that Goebel would be invited in for a portion of the closed session. Open session resumed with no action.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk