

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

October 5, 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. Dave Crofoot present. Comm. Dianne R. Novak 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of September 30th as written. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

- Gehring moved to approve early check #49906 to Civics Plus in the amount of \$7,000.00 (General/Courthouse Computer Fund). Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Dallke moved to appoint Comm. Crofoot as the voting delegate for the KWORCC annual meeting and Dallke as alternate. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- A notice was received that Co. Attorney Joel Ensey has appointed Susan C. Robson as Special Prosecutor for Marion County from October 5, 2020 through October 9, 2020.
- A salary sheet was signed for Michella Klenda from \$2,164.00/mo. to \$2,356.00/mo. for additional duties effective 9/21/2020.
- The Operation and Maintenance Agreement for two streambank stabilizations (Lyon Creek at 350th and Cottonwood River at 130th) in Marion County was presented for approval. Gehring moved to approve the agreement. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- **SPARK:** The SPARK Task Force recommended re-allocation of \$33,473.00 initially set aside for a building to the business grant and non-profit grant programs in the amounts of \$9,333.33 and \$24,139.67, respectively. Gehring moved to accept the SPARK Task Force's recommendation and reallocate the funds from the building project to the business and non-profit grant programs. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Roofing bids were tabled until additional information is available from KCAMP regarding a potential claim.
- Becker moved to hold off until next year to seek quotes on liability insurance. Dallke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel requested a decision on whether to proceed on the stone arch bridge project approved for partial grant funding. The consensus of the Board was not to move forward.

- Goebel will send a list of bridges to the Commission for consideration for the local bridge improvement program.
- Goebel said he will put together some potential numbers to use for potential proposals for contracting hard rock.
- An easement is needed to correct a drainage problem. Goebel will look into land value for a potential purchase.
- Goebel requested approval to purchase a used John Deere 4240 tractor for \$26,500.00. No decision was made.
- The Board raised no objection to the Road & Bridge Department assisting Fire District #3 with setting an underground water tank as time and resources allow.

DEPT. ON AGING: Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff presented a quarterly update to the Board. No action was taken.

HEALTH DEPT. ELC GRANT: Health Dept. Admin. Diedre Serene requested a decision from the Board regarding the ELC Grant presented on September 14th. The grant has been received by Marion County and was intended for a one-time salary adjustment for health department staff involved in the response to the COVID-19 health emergency. Serene noted that the grant either needs to be spent or sent back to the State. Becker moved to approve the allocated amount for salaries. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 3-1 with Dallke opposed.

- **COVID-19 Update:** Serene reported 11 active cases.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / CO. APPRAISER POSITION: Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss applicant selection for the Appraiser position for 20 minutes pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with only the Board present. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Open session resumed with no action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / POTENTIAL LITIGATION: Attorney Pat Hughes and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz and Hughes present for 15 minutes (until 10:55 a.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Hughes was excused from the session at 10:48 a.m. Open session resumed with no action.

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QUALITY CONTROL: Dallke asked Co. Engineer Brice Goebel about a road maintenance / safety issue that had been reported to office staff. Discussion ensued about staff following up on each complaint and remaining professional. Completed projects should be reviewed for quality. Goebel was asked to check the edges along Indigo and correct an area with a 7-8" drop off as soon as possible. Dallke noted that every County employee should do their best to remain professional when serving the public and to follow up on questions / concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nathan Brunner explained a bit more about the water project for Fire District #3.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Crofoot reported that he heard from Ben's Boat Docks and the floats have not yet been ordered for the heated dock. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz was asked to send a letter on behalf of the County.

- Gehring asked for an executive session to be added to the next agenda for personnel/performance.
- Crofoot noted that there was a good turnout at the chili feed at the Park & Lake on Saturday.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk