

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

August 31, 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, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were County Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Written information from Health Officer Diedre Serene was reviewed.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of June was received in the amount of \$69,256.56.

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

- Gehring moved to approve payments to Western Associates in the amount of \$833.30. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed and Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Becker moved to approve a payment to Elcon Electric for Park electric repair in the amount of \$158.42. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed and Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the grand total payday figure of \$1,877,011.04 (including payroll at \$545,050.34). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Checks #49354-4960; voided checks #49382, 49582. Spencer noted that an additional payroll is being prepared to process a correction.
- Cumulative comp time reports were reviewed.
- **CDBG-CV:** A Determination of Level of Review form for Hajek Enterprises which was signed by Chr. Gehring after the last meeting was provided for Board review.
- Supplements affecting the 2020 valuation were reviewed by the Board.
- Becker moved to approve the minutes of August 24th as written. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to approve the annual budget for the court system General Fund budget for Marion County in the amount of \$197,499.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Gehring moved to approve the overall allocation request for the 8th Judicial District. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to approve the Conservation District budget at \$89,035.94 including the County portion of \$39,500.00. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve a youth hunt application for Clayton Jantz. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Area fuel bids were reviewed:	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	<u>1,400 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.3650 = \$1,911.00	1.4850 = \$2,895.75	1.3750 = \$2,681.25
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	1.4021 = \$1,962.94	1.5121 = \$2,948.60	1.4021 = \$2,734.10
MFA Oil, Tampa	1.5230 = \$2,132.20	1.5030 = \$2,930.85	1.5230 = \$2,969.85

Gehring moved to accept the bid for all three areas from Epp's Service. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett requested guidance on whether to move forward with the chili cook-off in October. The Board had no objections to holding the event with appropriate precautions.

- The heated dock was discussed. The consensus of the Board was for Comm. Crofoot to assist Hett in dealing with the vendor to establish a deadline for the work to be completed or face legal action.

PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Dir. Sharon Omstead reported that at the Planning & Zoning meeting held on August 27th, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted unanimously to affirm Omstead's decision not to accept the construction permit application from Stonebridge Investments within the Doyle 4 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) area. Omstead indicated that the Doyle 4 CUP is now terminated.

- Omstead reported that the Board of County Commissioners had directed Pat Hughes of Adams Jones Law to draft new language for Article 19 and Article 27 of the Zoning Regulations, and it will be reviewed during the September Planning/Zoning meeting. Session recessed for five minutes.

CDBG-CV: Gehring moved to approve a CDBG-CV grant not to exceed \$5,000.00 pending confirmation from SCKEDD that they meet the qualifications. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Dallke moved to open a third round of funding through November 13, 2020. Crofoot seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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TRANSFER STATION PROJECT DISCUSSION: The discussion was a follow up to the transfer station tour held after the meeting on August 24th. Dallke expressed concerns regarding the angle of the wall leading to the pit and the location of the openings for the public to dump trash. He was also concerned about a small jog in the wall. Dallke noted that a change order could be developed for phase three to create a better angle on that phase. At the end of the discussion the consensus of the Board was to try the design as-is and ask the contractor to make changes later if necessary.

- Crofoot suggested that the Board change the end time for recycling on Fridays to 11:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Jantz joined the session at 10:45 a.m. Weed/HHW/Transfer Station/Recycling Dir. Josh Housman joined the session and requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Gehring moved to add an executive session to the agenda to discuss Transfer Station personnel. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance with the Board, Housman, Jantz, and Spencer present pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for five minutes (until 10:57 a.m.). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Pat Pelstring with the Expedition Wind project commented that they are looking forward to getting started as soon as they can. A request for proposals is underway for contractors at this time.

APPRAISER PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Gehring moved to add an additional executive session to discuss County Appraiser personnel to the agenda. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/hiring pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, Spencer, and Nicole Reid present for 10 minutes. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney (attorney/client privilege) with the Board, Jantz, Spencer, and Lisa Berg present for 10 minutes. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- After additional discussion, Gehring moved to appoint Nikki Reid as Interim Appraiser and work on contract negotiation with Berg for support. Gehring withdrew his motion.
- Gehring moved to appoint Nikki Reid as Interim Appraiser. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Gehring stated the appointment will be effective 9/1/2020.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Dallke commented that he received questions from a constituent regarding the Emergency Management vehicle being out on a Sunday. Safety concerns regarding county vehicles operating outside regular hours were discussed with no action.

- Becker asked Jantz whether or not zip codes could legally be released as part of the COVID-19 reporting. Jantz noted that it may be a possibility, and he will check.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk