

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

August 24, 2020

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Vice Chr. Randy Dallke, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Chr. Jonah Gehring joined the session at 9:05 a.m. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

2021 COUNTY BUDGET HEARING: Scot Loyd of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd was present for the 2021 Marion County budget hearing. There were no public comments. Gehring moved to approve the 2021 budget. Dallke seconded. Discussion ensued, with Novak commenting that she is disappointed with the proposed budget because departments weren't asked to reduce their requests after the initial presentations. Loyd noted that the Commission still has authority to approve / disapprove expenses, and that just because the budget has been prepared it doesn't mean that the departments can't be asked to scale back. After additional discussion, motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Department revenue reports, expenditure reports and the second quarter financial statement were provided for Commission review.

- A salary sheet was signed for William Mayfield – new part-time Reserve Officer at \$12.00/hour effective 8/18/2020.
- Change orders affecting 2019 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Supplements affecting 2020 valuation were reviewed by the Board.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of August 17th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve Pay Estimate #6 for the transfer station project in the amount of \$255,988.07. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Dir. Randy Frank joined the session and requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Tabor College and Marion County to designate Tabor as a sub-agent of Marion County in regard to non-congregate sheltering for Tabor students in order to allow Tabor to qualify for potential category B funding through FEMA. Crofoot moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Marion County, Kansas and Tabor College and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Frank requested a credit limit increase on two department purchasing cards in order to purchase the personal protective equipment designated in the SPARK direct aid plan, which was previously approved by the Board. After discussion, Becker moved to increase the credit line for the two department cards to \$30,000.00 each for the next sixty days and then either extend or reduce the limit. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker inquired about a broadband connectivity grant through SPARK that is due this week and encouraged Frank to apply, as the Board is pushing to enhance broadband speeds across the County.
- Dallke asked about a building that had been included on the SPARK plan and indicated a need for the departments to work together with the Commission for planning and approval.

CO. APPRAISER – PERSONNEL: Co. Appraiser Lisa Berg joined the session. Crofoot moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance in the Appraiser's office for 20 minutes (until 10:28 a.m.) with Berg and the Board present pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Gehring directed that the Co. Appraiser position be publicized through the Kansas County Appraiser's Association listserv (KCAA).

ADMINISTRATIVE – CDBG-CV19: Spencer noted that three of the businesses that have been awarded CDBG-CV grants have now provided the necessary documentation for funds to be issued. Chr. Gehring signed Determination of Level of Review forms for A Little off the Top, Pizza Rehea's, and CK Pharmacy. Chr. Gehring signed the forms to initiate the release of funds to the businesses.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION DISCUSSION: Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of real estate acquisition with the Board and Spencer present for 15 minutes (until 10:50 a.m.) Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Becker commented that a newspaper article in the Free Press which stated he seemed confused when questioning Health Officer Diedre Serene during a recent COVID update was off base. Becker noted that he was not confused, and the questions presented were those of constituents.

- Dallke expressed concern that the transfer station project design is not entirely what was expected and changes may be needed during the third phase.

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COMMISSION COMMENTS, CONTINUED:

- Novak commented about recent blackouts in California and noted that they are dependent on wind and solar power. Novak also noted that some Marion County firefighters are currently assisting with fires in California and Colorado.
- Gehring commented that he would like to set aside 30 minutes once per month on the agenda to discuss economic development (with city economic development directors and / or mayors invited).

The transfer station project was discussed. The Board agreed to adjourn, tour the facility, and then schedule any follow-up discussion on the next agenda. Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. and the Board left to tour the transfer station project.

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

Jonah Gehring, Chairman