

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

August 10, 2020

Commission met in regular session in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with Chr. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Randy Dallke, and Comm. Dave Crofoot present in person, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present via teleconference. 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.

**COVID UPDATE:** A written update from Co. Health Officer Diedre Serene was reviewed by the Board.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Becker moved to approve the minutes of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Supplements affecting the 2020 valuation were reviewed by the Board.
- Salary sheets were signed: Gina Hardey – one year raise as Equipment Operator I from \$2,310.00/mo. to \$2,356.00/mo. effective 8/5/2020; Timothy Vogel, certified as AEMT – from \$12.25/hour to \$13.00/hour effective 8/1/2020; Sharolyn Buller, new Custodian at \$1,907.00/mo. effective 7/22/2020.
- An agreement with the City of Florence for trash service at the County Park & Lake was reviewed. Dallke moved to approve the agreement, but change the term to one year (instead of three) and solicit bids. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The lease on the building currently used by Planning and Zoning was presented for renewal. The term is three years. No other changes were noted. After discussion, Dallke moved to approve a three-year agreement with Kody Panzer. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0 with 4 in favor and Crofoot abstaining due to a family relationship. (Abstention counted with majority prevailing.)

**2019 AUDIT REPORT:** April Swartz with Varney & Associates presented the 2019 audit report. There were no violations.

**COUNTY APPRAISER:** Co. Appraiser Lisa Berg requested an executive session to discuss personnel performance with the Board and Spencer. 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 with the Board, Berg, and Spencer present for 15 minutes until 9:55 a.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Dallke to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Berg effective 8/31/2020. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present via teleconference. Road Crossing permit #2020-15 was presented for Rural Water District #4 to bore under 140<sup>th</sup> 3' west of 1878 140<sup>th</sup> in Section 25-20-3. Gehring moved to approve permit 2020-15. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Goebel reported that Nighthawk will be slated for 2021 due to required KDHE permitting.

**TRANSFER STATION PROJECT:** Randy Purdue of Kaw Valley Engineering presented change orders #4 and #5 for the project.

- Gehring moved to approve change order #4 in the amount of \$9,870.54. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to approve change order #5 (in the amount of \$141,052.16) and add an additional 14 days to the project calendar (instead of 18). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. Becker commented that the Board needs to be thinking about making cuts to the project.

Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session.

**PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead requested an executive session to discuss litigation. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential and current litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz, and Omstead present for 20 minutes until 11:10 a.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**CDBG-CV GRANT AWARDS:** Gloria McDowell of SCKEDD presented updated information regarding Marion County applicants. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve grant awards for:

A Little Off the Top (maximum of \$5,000.00); CK Pharmacy (\$3,089.63); Hajek Enterprises (maximum of \$5,000.00); Pizza Rehea's (maximum of \$5,000.00); Rural Route Relics (maximum of \$5,000.00); Family Shoe Repair (maximum of \$5,000.00). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with 4 in favor and Dallke abstaining due to a family relationship. (Abstention counted with majority prevailing.)

Crofoot moved to offer a second round of funding using the same qualifications and the same maximum grant amounts giving a two week period to return applications. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Crofoot indicated that a storage building in Marion is being offered for sale. The topic will be placed on the agenda for discussion next week.

Spencer reminded the Board about the upcoming Canvass of the Primary Election on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Becker moved that those Commissioners who were in contested positions have an appointee serve in their place. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk