

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

July 31, 2020

Commission met for payday and other business in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. 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 staff, members of the public and members of the press.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**SALES TAX:** Sales tax for the month of May was received in the amount of \$64,779.76.

**PAYDAY:** Gehring moved to approve payables to Western Associates in the amount of \$4,324.50. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed and Crofoot abstaining (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Becker moved to approve payables to Elcon Electric in the amount of \$46.50. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed and Gehring abstaining (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Gehring moved to approve the grand total payday in the amount of \$1,785,481.93 (including payroll at \$536,570.70). Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0. Checks #49106 - #49353.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Supplements affecting the 2020 valuation were reviewed by the Board.

- A correction to the Transport Fuel Bid was reviewed. There was an error on the bid submitted by Cooperative Grain & Supply on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The corrected bid amount was \$13,178.85, which was not the low bid. However, the bid had already been awarded, so no change was made.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup>. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 27<sup>th</sup>. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve utility permit 2020-14 (for Tri-County Telephone to install fiber optic cable on the east right of way of Indigo in Section 27-19S-2E .25 miles north of Hillsboro). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Co. Engineer joined the session by phone to discuss an application for a Transportation Alternatives grant project. The project is the restoration / reconstruction of a historic limestone stone arch bridge near 310<sup>th</sup> and Wagon Wheel. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to allow the application to move forward, but with the understanding that if approved the project may not receive Board approval. Crofoot moved to submit the application to the State for approval. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve a Code of Conduct for project 57-C5046-01. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The County budget was discussed, and the cost to increase personnel line items by 1.5% was reviewed. The consensus of the Board was to have the budget prepared with the 1.5% increase included.
- A resolution that would require face coverings to be worn in public and certain other situations was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz was present by phone for the discussion. No action was taken.
- Noxious Weed Asst. Brandy Ankenman was present to discuss enforcement of noxious weed law and potential force-spraying for violators. The Board directed the department to move forward with enforcement.
  - Public Comment – Kevin Suderman said the amount charged should take into account rough terrain if County staff is forced to spot spray.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Dallke commented that he thinks it is time for the Commission to write a letter of intent in regard to the south wind project.

- Novak mentioned that a recent moratorium proclamation by the Governor may affect the project, and that there are still ongoing lawsuits.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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Jonah Gehring, Chairman

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