

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

July 27, 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, 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: Tom Britain asked about ballot rotation. He indicated that he is still a party on an ongoing lawsuit against the County.

COVID-19 UPDATE / MASK DISCUSSION: Health Officer Diedre Serene reported 45 total cases, 12 active. A draft of a health directive requiring face coverings in public was reviewed and discussed with no action.

- Crofoot moved to strongly recommend masks. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A revised directive in the form of a resolution will be drafted for consideration at the July 31st meeting.

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

- Novak moved to approve the minutes of July 20th as written. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to approve the agreement for school screens. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING: Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff provided a quarterly report.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented transport fuel bids for review:

	Tank #3 4,000 gals.	Tank #1 1,000 gals.	Unleaded 3,500 gals.	Total
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	1.6040	1.3480	1.5471	\$12,405.30
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.5909	1.3359	1.5133	\$12,996.05
MFA Oil, Tampa	1.6120	1.3844	1.5304	\$13,188.80

Gehring moved to award the transport fuel bid to Cooperative Grain in the amount of \$12,405.30. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Area fuel bids were reviewed:	Area 1 1,400 gals.	Area 2 1,950 gals.	Area 3 1,50 gals.
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.3809 = \$1,933.26	1.4909 = \$2,907.26	1.3809 = \$2,692.76
MFA Oil, Tampa	1.3830 = \$1,936.20	1.3630 = \$2,657.85	1.4030 = \$2,735.85
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	1.4330 = \$2,006.20	1.5330 = \$2,987.35	1.4330 = \$2,794.35

Gehring moved to accept the bid from Epp's Service for Areas one and three. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Gehring moved to accept the bid from MFA Oil for Area two. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Utility permits were presented for approval. Gehring moved to approve permit #2020-13 for Loewen Trenching to bore under 250th at 817 250th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Gehring moved to approve permit #2020-12 for RWD#4 to bore under Falcon 1200' north of US 56 Hwy. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Goebel reported that a landowner damaged 190th between Kanza and Limestone, causing a temporary road closure. Repairs will be made, and an insurance claim will be filed.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman and Asst. Brandy Ankenman were present to discuss enforcement of noxious weed law. The Board agreed that Housman should serve notice, force spray, and charge the fees to the landowners' taxes as allowed by law. Housman was directed to keep the Board informed regarding the fee structure.

- Housman reported that several tires on the transfer station semi-truck had to be replaced and the total was just over the \$1,000.00 limit allowed without Commission approval. However, the tires had to be purchased to keep the truck on the road.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined by phone. The mask directive and weed law enforcement were discussed briefly.

2021 BUDGET PREP: Scot Loyd and Tifanie Becker with Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd were present to discuss the budget. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to increase the mill levy rate by 1.84 mills in order to keep tax revenue steady. Another meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on August 5th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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COMMISSION COMMENTS: Dallke encouraged the public to vote in the Primary and to research their candidates, especially for the local offices.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

Jonah Gehring, Chairman