

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

July 20, 2020

Commission met in regular session in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Randy Dallke, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present in person and Comm. Chairman Jonah Gehring present via teleconference. 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:** Health Officer Diedre Serene reported 33 cases, with 11 active. The information on the KDHE website was demonstrated. Masks were discussed with no action.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Supplements affecting the 2020 tax roll were reviewed.

- Change orders affecting 2019 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Novak moved to approve the minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup>. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Salary change sheets were signed: Travis Pohlman from \$13.21/hour to \$13.33/hour – six month raise effective 7/6/2020; John Millett from \$2,611.00/mo. to \$2,631.00/mo. – five year longevity raise effective 6/21/2020; Luke Dawson from \$10.00/hour to \$2,267.00/mo. – part time to full time effective 7/21/2020; Noah Dalrymple from \$2,267.00/mo. to \$2,310.00/mo. – six month raise effective 7/31/2020.
- Early checks were approved for processing; #49104 to KS Department of Transportation in the amount of \$227,824.10 for Tampa Road Payment – R&B Blacktop; #49105 to Kansas Department of Revenue in the amount of \$101.86 for quarterly sales tax remittance – Park & Lake.
- **SPARK:** Gehring moved to approve the recommendation of the SPARK task force to hire Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd for administrative services in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**CO. CLERK:** Spencer requested an executive session to discuss hiring. Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss hiring pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 10:00 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Salary sheets were signed for: Michelle Looper at \$2,267.00/mo. – new Election Clerk effective 7/21/2020; Sharon Dover from \$2,204.00/mo. to \$2,304.00/mo. effective 6/21/2020 – additional duties and equalization; Sarah Spencer at \$7.25/hour – temporary Election Intern effective 7/3/2020.

**HEALTH DEPT.:** Dir. Diedre Serene presented a quarterly department update. One new part-time RN has been hired to assist with COVID-19 related tasks. An agreement for vision and hearing screening will be presented for approval next week.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel reported on current work and upcoming projects. The rock budget was discussed with no action.

**FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (FACT):** Terry Bebermyer was present to update the Board on current projects, request an allocation for 2021, and report on Special Alcohol funds spent.

**WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING:** Dir. Josh Housman presented salary changes for signature: Shannon Allen from \$2,380.00/mo. to \$2,486.00/mo. – promotion to Equipment Operator II effective 7/13/2020; Amanda McReynolds – position change from Equipment Operator I to Truck Driver (no change in pay); Daniel Selznick new Equipment Operator II at \$2,600.00/mo. effective 7/6/2020.

- Housman indicated that he will be working on noxious weed enforcement.

**CDBG-CV GRANTS:** Spencer reported that the application for the grants has had new requirements added again. A letter will be sent to applicants to solicit the additional information. Awards will be delayed until this process is complete.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION - INTERNET SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS:** Dallke opened a discussion about the possibility of the County taking steps to assist small towns and rural areas in the County with obtaining fiber internet services, especially with additional connectivity needed due to COVID-19 and more people working and attending classes online. The Board agreed that further research and discussion is needed, and the County should continue discussion with the intent of bringing a better infrastructure for connectivity to all residents of Marion County.

**COMMISSION PERSONNEL DISCUSSION:** County Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session at 11:05 a.m. Novak 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 Jantz and the Board present for 10 minutes (until 11:25 a.m.). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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**COMMISSION PERSONEL DISCUSSION:** Novak 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 Jantz and the Board present for 15 minutes (until 11:46 a.m.). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Gehring stated that he appreciates Comm. Dallke bringing up the subject of fiber internet, stating that it is a subject he is passionate about.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting recessed at 11:52 a.m.

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Jonah Gehring, Chairman

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