

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

June 15, 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 Co. Counselor Brad Jantz (via teleconference), members of the public, and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Informational items were reviewed, including monthly budget reports.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of June 8th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Salary sheets were signed for Jo Ottensmeier – six month raise as Deputy Register of Deeds from \$2,751.00/mo. to \$2,777.00/mo. effective 5/4/2020 and Matthew Regier – six month raise as Sheriff's Deputy from \$17.19/hour to \$17.36/hour effective 6/16/2020.
- Gehring moved to approve the payment of Marion County's share of the Community Corrections Executive Director for the period of July, 2019 through June, 2020 in the amount of \$1,604.40. Novak seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to approve the lease purchase agreement with Marion National Bank (for the flail mower and tractor in the amount of \$50,075.00) and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed.
- Gehring moved to amend and restate the Marion County Cafeteria Plan and approve the plan document with Surency (for the plan year of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021). Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the Chief Elected Official Board Agreement for Local Workforce Development Agreement Area One. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to approve the contract with SCKEDD for administrative services for the CDBG-CV 2020 grant. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve supplemental forms related to the CDBG-CV grant. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to supersede previous action and set the deadline to submit CDBG-CV applications for July 9th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the formal layout of the cover letter developed by SCKEDD and the application for the CDBG grant. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve Pay Estimate #4 for the transfer station project to Nelson-Fowles in the amount of \$168,957.36. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

AMBULANCE: Dir. Travis Parmley presented run statistics for March-May, 2020. Dallke moved to write off \$11,545.14 in uncollectible ambulance billings. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Parmley noted that mechanical CPR units, vehicle replacement, and an air conditioning upgrade for the Marion station are budgeted expenses requested for 2020. Additional information will be brought to the Board for funding decisions.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel received no objections from the Board in regard to topping several miles of roadway with hard rock. Those sections stated in the meeting were Limestone from 330th to 340th, 30th from Highway 77 east one mile, 110th from Vista to Highway 50, and 170th from K-15 west one mile.

- Sand was discussed with no action.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION: Emergency Mgmt. Dir. Randy Frank joined via teleconference and presented a 2021 budget request for his department.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett was present to discuss the bait shop at the Lake. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was for Hett to have the bait vending machine evaluated to determine potential cost to repair, re-stock basic terminal tackle (hooks, weights, swivels, bobbers, etc.), and to look into the possibility of a vending machine for drinks.

- Other topics discussed with no action were the heated dock, and the Bluegrass at the Lake event, which is being postponed until 2021, with a possible smaller free music weekend being substituted in 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Novak indicated that any comments that come in the chat feature during the GOTO Meeting sessions should be displayed for all Commissioners to see. She encouraged the Board to move forward with fully opening the meetings to the public without restrictions. Novak also commented on the need for an additional Road & Bridge work session to discuss policy issues and placing an unfinished business category on the agenda.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, CONTINUED: Gehring commented that perhaps the Board should consider additional compensation for the Emergency Management Dir. and the Health Dept. Dir. due to additional hours worked during the public health emergency. The rest of the Board, while appreciative of the time and effort spent by County department heads, also noted that extra hours are part of the job at times, and that the issue of wages should be addressed for all positions.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined via teleconference. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board and Jantz present until 11:05 a.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Gehring to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board and Jantz present until 11:20 a.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss an FMLA request pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Spencer present until 11:30 a.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Gehring to approve FMLA for Randy Frank. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk