

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

June 8, 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, members of the public, and members of the press.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Public Health Officer Diedre Serene reported no new cases in Marion County.

- Emergency Management Dir. Randy Frank reported on current grants.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dallke moved to approve the minutes of June 1st. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve an early check in the amount of \$525.00 to Western Associates (check #48874 for face masks) from Risk Management. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Becker moved to approve a lease purchase payment in the amount of \$11,383.81 (check #48873 to Marion National Bank) for the tire cutting machine (from the Transfer Station fund). Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The Clerk's Report for the month of May was reviewed.
- The fireworks schedule for sale and discharge of fireworks outside incorporated city limits in Marion County was discussed. Dallke moved to allow sales and discharge of fireworks from June 27th through July 5th (from 8:00 a.m.) until 11:00 p.m. on June 27th, July 3rd, and July 4th with discharge until midnight and to allow sales and discharge on June 28-July 2 and July 5 (from 8:00 a.m.) until 10:00 p.m.. Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve FMLA leave for a qualified employee. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The Kansas Travel Guide was discussed. Listings collected earlier have not yet been submitted, and there are still businesses to be contacted. Gehring moved to cover the additional \$10.00 per listing (difference between early bird and regular price) due to COVID and communication issues in order to support local businesses and tourism. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- After discussion, Crofoot moved to keep Commission meetings as-is (social distancing of 6' between all attendees, broadcast through GOTO Meeting, and an additional viewing area set up in the hallway) and re-evaluate on June 30th. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-1. Novak opposed.

8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 2021 BUDGET REQUEST: Judge Michael Powers, District Court Clerk Jan Helmer, District Court Administrator Nikki Davenport, and Chief Corrections Officer Loyce Smith joined the session to present the budget request for the 8th Judicial District.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET REQUEST: Health Dept. Administrator Diedre Serene presented the Health Department budget request for 2021.

Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session.

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

	Tank #3 5,000 gals.	Tank #1 0 gals.	Unleaded 3,000 gals.	Total
MFA Oil, Tampa	1.4289	n/a	1.3120	\$11,080.50
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	1.4637	n/a	1.4719	\$11,734.20
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.4890	n/a	1.4957	\$11,932.10

Becker moved to accept the bid from MFA Oil in the amount of \$11,080.50. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Sign bids were presented for review. National Sign Company: \$38,953.01; DC wholesale \$49,005.00.

Becker moved to approve the bid from National Sign Company in the amount of \$38,953.01. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Dallke moved to approve APAC to seal ½ mile on Jade Rd. in the amount of \$15,159.28. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Goebel reported on current projects.
- Novak requested another work session to discuss hard rock, trucking, and farmers working on their own roads.

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CDBG-CV GRANT DISCUSSION: Michelle McDowell from SCKEDD was present via teleconference to discuss the next steps. Paperwork will need to be submitted to the Department of Commerce before funds will be awarded.

- A specific application form has been provided. Criteria for ranking applications were discussed. Gehring suggested that businesses that have received no prior help from other federal programs should be in the top tier, followed by those that have received assistance from only one source, and those that have received both prior sources of federal funding be on the lowest tier.
- Other topics discussed were publicizing the grant information, dollar limits, and what the application period should be. Gehring moved to accept applications through July 2nd then to review and approve by July 13th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to approve the Community Development Block Grant with the Kansas Department of Commerce – grant number 20-CV-041. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Beneke commented that there is interest in expanding the amount and types of bait and supplies available at the Marion County Park & Lake Office. The Board asked that Isaac Hett be placed on the next agenda to discuss this.

- Amy Soyez asked about previous Lake Superintendents and why they had been allowed to run their own bait shop. Spencer noted that this used to be a part of the Park & Lake Superintendent's compensation, but is no longer allowed. Soyez also asked whether housing was part of the Park & Lake Superintendent's compensation. Spencer responded that it is.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring asked whether there was any update on the Hillsboro EMS Station, when Driver License services would resume in Marion County (June 9th by appointment), and whether extra compensation should be considered for Health Officer Diedre Serene and Emergency Management Dir. Randy Frank for their extra work during the public health emergency. No decisions were made.

Additional discussion regarding the Hillsboro EMS Station ensued. A work session was set for the afternoon of June 15th.

Novak asked whether any progress has been made on the Diamond Vista settlement. Jantz reported that he has a few questions he needs answers to before moving forward. Making a claim against the company's letter of credit was discussed.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk