

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

May 29, 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 Co. Counselor Brad Jantz (by teleconference), members of the public (by teleconference only) and members of the press.

PAYDAY: A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. A report showing payments to Western Associates was reviewed. Gehring moved to approve payment to Western Associates in the amount of \$3,787.82. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0 with four in favor and Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest. (Abstention counted with majority prevailing.)

Gehring moved to approve total accounts payable in the amount of \$486,251.61. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Checks #48645-48872; voided checks 48682, 48769. Gehring moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$524,461.08. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of March, 2020 has been received in the amount of \$60,473.76.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION – REOPENING COUNTY OFFICES: Park & Lake Supt. Isaac Hett and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session by teleconference.

- After discussion, Gehring moved to open the beach at the Marion County Park & Lake and post signs mirroring the Marion County Strategy developed by Co. Health Officer Diedre Serene. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved to open the Lake Hall to reservations with signs posted recommending social distancing. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to have the County Counselor review the rules and regulations sheet for the Lake Hall and add a waiver of liability and require the responsible party to sign. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer reported that the majority of County departments are prepared to open more fully, with each office limiting the number of individuals allowed inside. Tape marks and additional signs can be placed to encourage individual responsibility of the public to follow social distancing and other recommendations provided by Serene. After discussion, Becker moved to open offices using the social distancing methods discussed by Spencer. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to open the Commission room to the public, but maintain social distancing as recommended and to have an additional viewing area in the hallway with a monitor and sound and allowing one person at a time to address the Board. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved that if a limited number of seats are available in the room, and member of the press is present, they be given first access. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed.
- These changes will be in effect Monday, June 1st and will be re-evaluated at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Becker indicated that SCKEDD has a revitalization program for communities with houses that need to be renovated.

- Dallke noted that some cities may also be interested in the County's reduced fee program for construction and demolition fees.
- The structure for public comments in the meeting was discussed. No changes were made.
- Novak said that as a Commissioner she has an equal right to speak and she will continue to bring information from the people in her district and she will present it in the meetings, and will take responsibility for her own comments and actions in the meetings.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

ROAD & BRIDGE WORK SESSION: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present for a Road & Bridge work session. No action was taken. Becker left the session at 12:02 p.m. Novak left the session at 12:07 p.m. The work session adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk