

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

May 11, 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 (via teleconference), 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 (by teleconference only) and members of the press.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Health Officer Diedre Serene reported that a presumptive positive case has been added to Marion County's total, which now stands at six. Serene encouraged the wearing of masks in public and reiterated the importance of hand washing. High risk individuals are encouraged to stay home.

- Medical Advisor Dr. Don Hodson answered questions regarding potential treatments for the virus.
- Emergency Management Dir. Randy Frank reported on a media campaign encouraging everyone to wear masks in public. Additional resources were allocated for early childhood services and food banks.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Change orders affecting 2019 and prior year tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.

- Gehring moved to approve \$13,427.50 in payables. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Early check #48642 to Great Plains Computers for COVID-19 IT Services in the amount of \$2,635.00 – Risk Management; #48643 to Marion National Bank for a loan origination fee in the amount of \$100.00 – Special Equipment Fund, #48644 to Sprowls Construction & Restoration Services, Inc. for COVID-19 sneeze guards in the amount of \$10,692.50 – Risk Management.)
- Becker moved to approve the minutes of May 4th as written. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A salary sheet was signed for Savannah Hicks, five-year longevity as 911 Systems Operator from \$15.06/hour to \$15.18/hour effective May 7, 2020.
- Lease purchase documents from Marion National Bank for the Caterpillar D5K2LGPA dozer in the amount of \$17,188.95 were presented for approval. Becker moved to approve the lease purchase agreement with Marion National Bank and authorize the Chairman to sign. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- The draft request for proposals for roof work was reviewed by the Board.
- The tax sale has been tentatively scheduled for June 17th at 10 a.m. at the Lake Hall.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett reported that the committee in charge of the Bluegrass at the Lake event would like to reschedule it for July 31st-August 1st. The Board had no objections.

- Hett reported on recent storm damage to shingled roofs and vehicles.

KANSAS TRAVEL GUIDE LISTINGS: Marion City Economic Development Dir. Randy Collett requested transient guest tax funds be used to cost share business and event listings for the Kansas Travel Guide. Dallke moved to fund the travel guide listings at a maximum of \$4,500.00. The motion died for lack of a second. Becker moved to fund 75% of the cost of the listings. Crofoot seconded. After discussion, Becker withdrew his motion and the topic was tabled. The Board asked Collett to provide a potential cost estimate for all Countywide listings.

- Novak asked Collett for an update about the restoration and/or sale of the Bowron building. Collett noted that some work has been done on the second story, but recent events have delayed any further progress.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE: Randy Purdue of Kaw Valley Engineering presented Change Order #3 for the fees of removing the contaminated soil and placing it in a location approved by KDHE. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$26,138.75 to Nelson-Fowles. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve \$2,424.25 to Kaw Valley for the land farm work already completed. Novak seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman presented the 2020 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for approval. Gehring moved to approve. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Housman was directed to contact surrounding counties to find out what fee they charge for construction/demolition waste.

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

	Tank #3	Tank #1	Unleaded	
	5,000 gals.	1,000 gals.	2,000 gals.	Total
MFA Oil, Tampa	1.1415	.8871	1.0154	\$8,625.40
Epp's Service, Elbing	1.1968	.9418	1.1895	\$9,304.80
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	1.2179	.9618	1.2095	\$9,470.30

Gehring moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil per Goebel's recommendation. Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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ROAD & BRIDGE, CONTINUED: Salary sheets were signed for Fred Philpott – six-month raise as Equipment Operator II from \$2,511.00/mo. to \$2,534.00/mo. effective 4/21/2020; Glen George – six month raise as Equipment Operator II from \$2,511.00/mo. to \$2,534.00/mo. effective 4/21/2020; Ronald Woerz – new Equipment Operator I at \$2,267.00/mo. effective 4/21/2020.

- Road Crossing Permit 2020-06 for Enterprise Products to repair pipeline along the south side of 360th .26 miles west of Timber Rd. was presented for approval. Becker moved to approve. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Permit 2020-07 for Enterprise Products to repair pipeline along the center of 300th was presented for approval. Crofoot moved to approve. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Permit 2020-08 for Enterprise Products to repair pipeline 35th north of 350th was presented for approval. Becker moved to approve. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- An agreement with KDOT to furnish rock for an unofficial detour route for Project Number 56-57-KA-5263-01 was presented for approval. Gehring moved to approve the agreement between Marion County and KDOT for Project Number 56-67-KA-5263-01 to compensate Marion County at the rate of \$20.00/ton to purchase, haul, place and maintain surface rock on the Unofficial Detour Routes not to exceed 1,500 tons and \$30,000.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Goebel reported that an application has been submitted for the KDOT cost share program.
- The work approved by the Department of Agriculture to remove drainage tubes on 310th has been temporarily halted due to a property access problem for adjoining landowners.
- Dallke noted that a fiber optic box is located right in the culvert flowline in the County ditch near Lincolnville. Dallke requested language be added to our County permits prohibiting this, or giving the County authority to mandate they be relocated. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz said he could add the appropriate language to the County permits.
- Goebel expressed frustration about a potential candidate for County office allegedly stating that, if elected, their first order of business will be to get rid of one of Goebel's employees. Goebel publicly stated that he stands behind his employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring asked Jantz if he had any new information from the Hillsboro City Attorney in regard to the lot for the proposed EMS Station. There was no update at this time.

- Novak asked about updates from Diamond Vista. There were none.
- Becker noted that a constituent said their insurance provider said their property insurance premium is likely to double due to lack of road access for emergency vehicles.
- Crofoot said that the price for a full-page ad in the Kansas Travel Guide is \$6,754.00.
- Gehring said that he will check into the County's potential role with the Surface Water Advisory Board (SWAB).
- Novak requested that old business and new business be added to the agenda.
- Becker suggested that the Marion County Commission send a letter to Governor Kelly requesting more flexibility for Counties with low numbers of cases of COVID-19 to open businesses at a different pace than areas with high numbers of cases. The Board agreed. Spencer was directed to draft a letter on the Board's behalf.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehrig seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk