

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

May 4, 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. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Comm. Randy Dallke joined the session at approximately 9:25 a.m. (by teleconference). Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, members of the public (by teleconference only) and members of the press.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Health Officer Diedre Serene reported no new cases in Marion County. Serene reviewed the Governor's new Executive Order, outlining the 'Phase One' plan for reopening. Local Health Order 20200501 was also reviewed, which prohibits door to door solicitations and requires self-service of non-packaged food items to remain closed. Serene encouraged the wearing of masks in public and reiterated the importance of hand washing. High risk individuals are encouraged to stay home.

- Emergency Management Dir. Randy Frank shared that self-employed individuals impacted by the COVID shutdowns should first apply for unemployment, and then (if denied) would be eligible to apply for funding under the Cares Act.
- Federal agencies are providing personal protective equipment directly to long term care facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE: A list of County facilities in need of roof repairs was reviewed. The Board requested that a request for proposals be developed.

- Change orders affecting 2019 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of April 20th as amended. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Becker moved to approve the minutes of April 27th. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of April 30th. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel noted (via teleconference) that he has received several letters of support for the proposed 330th and Nighthawk projects. A letter from ___ and Carla Hajek was reviewed. Comm. Dallke joined the session (via teleconference).

GOESSEL STREET PROJECT: Goessel Mayor Dave Schrag joined via teleconference and requested County assistance/support for their Main Street project. The City has applied for cost-share funding through K-DOT and will also be applying for a Community Development Block Grant. Schrag also asked whether the County might assist with culverts and installation.

- After discussion, the Board generally agreed that Co. Engineer Brice Goebel should go to Goessel and review the project details to determine a possible way for the County to assist.
- Novak indicated she will review connecting links information in regard to the project.

NOXIOUS WEED: Weed Asst. Brandy Ankenman was present via teleconference and requested approval of a resolution for cost share for the current year. Gehring moved to adopt Resolution 2020-11 establishing a Dealer-Participating Cost Share Certificate Program in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the eradication of noxious weeds on privately owned property in Marion, County, Kansas. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Session recessed until 10 a.m. to resolve technology issues.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Co. Register of Deeds Rebecca Wingfield requested approval to digitalize 38 tract books at \$350.00 each for a total cost of \$13,300.00 to be paid for from the ROD tech fund. Wingfield noted that the process was last done about 10 years ago, and frequent copying of the books due to the recent closure of the courthouse is causing damage. It was noted that this process does not provide any ability to continually update the information digitally, rather it is a digital snapshot as of a certain date. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve a price for digitizing the records not to exceed \$13,500.00, and that if Wingfield finds a better method or more reasonable solution to move forward. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-2 with Novak and Dallke opposed, because they favored looking for other potential solutions that would allow for updating the information.

- Crofoot made a motion to send requests for proposals for programs that are available to manage this type of information and keep it current in the future. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session. Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead attended via teleconference. Jantz requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation for 20 minutes with the Board and Omstead present. 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, Jantz, and Omstead until 10:55 a.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

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CO. COUNSELOR, CONTINUED: 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 for 10 minutes, until 11:10 a.m. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

CO. TREASURER: Co. Treasurer Jeannine Bateman provided a quarterly update for the Board and reported that approximately 72% of taxes have been paid.

EXTENSION DISTRICT REVISED OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT: Agent Rickey Roberts presented a revised operational agreement. A clarifying statement regarding the timing of the district formation has been added because it is unknown whether the agreement will be approved by the Attorney General prior to July 1, 2020. Gehring moved to approve the revised operational agreement. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. The document was signed by Chr. Gehring.

RE-OPENING PLAN FOR COUNTY OFFICES: Re-opening in phases was discussed. Crofoot moved to keep doors locked, and allow the public to enter by pre-arranged appointment only (until Phase 2 is implemented by the Governor). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Dallke encouraged the Board to go look at the transfer station project. It was noted that a virtual project meeting is being arranged by the project engineer later this week. Dallke also noted that the process to renew vehicle tags online was relatively smooth.

- Gehring said that the transfer station project is not expected to disturb any more contaminated soil, and that the potential savings for changing the location of the previous land farm site is about \$9,000.00.
- Becker noted that he would like the project engineer to discuss the contamination issue the next time he meets with the Board.

PARK & LAKE (Non-Agenda Item): Supt. Isaac Hett noted that the consensus of the Blue Grass at the Lake committee is to try to reschedule the event for July 31 – August 1. The topic will be placed on the next agenda for additional discussion or potential Board action.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2020- 11

**DEALER-PARTICIPATING COST-SHARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR THE
ERADICATION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS ON PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY**

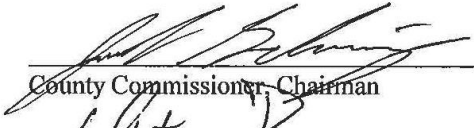
WHEREAS, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas are desirous of establishing a dealer-participating cost-share certificate program within Marion County, Kansas for the year 2020, in accordance with K.S.A. Article 13, Chapter 2-1314 to K.S.A. 2-1333. Specific reference is made to K.S.A. 2-1333(a)(b)&(c).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas do hereby approve \$ 5,000.00 to be used from the Noxious Weed fund to provide for the control and eradication of noxious weeds on privately owned lands through the cost-share certificate program, pursuant to the above mentioned statutes.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that certain guidelines will be adopted to facilitate the implementation of this resolution.

Signed and approved this 4th day of May, 2020.

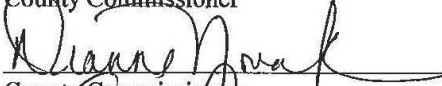
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS**




County Commissioner, Chairman



County Commissioner



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ATTEST:



Tina D. Spender, County Clerk