

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

April 27, 2020

Commission met in regular session in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with Chr. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Randy Dallke (by teleconference), Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were members of the public (by teleconference only), and members of the press.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A letter from Daryl and Patricia Enos expressing concerns for businesses in the County, and encouraging the Commission to carefully consider opening the County for business and allowing people to get back to work.

COVID-19 UPDATES: Co. Health Officer Diedre Serene reported no new cases in Marion County. Serene noted that she is holding discussions with local healthcare providers and surrounding counties and is working toward developing a plan to move forward with safely reopening county businesses in phases, depending on what the Governor allows.

- Emergency Management Dir. Randy Frank reported that another round of funding for small business administration loans has been allocated. Frank reported that a briefing from the Governor is expected by the end of the week.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of April 13th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Spencer passed along a request to carry over 100 hours of unused vacation hours for the Jail Administrator. Becker moved to carry over the hours to be used within 90 days. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A quote from Chris Sprowls to build sneeze guards for county offices in the amount of \$10,317.00 was reviewed. After discussion, Becker moved to purchase the sneeze guards from the Risk Management fund in the amount of \$10,317.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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

| | Area 1 | Area 2 | Area 3 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>1,400 gals.</u> | <u>1,950 gals.</u> | <u>1,950 gals.</u> |
| Coop Grain, Hillsboro | .8500 = \$1,190.00 | .9500 = \$1,852.50 | .8500 = \$1,657.50 |
| MFA Oil, Tampa | .9700 = \$1,358.00 | .9700 = \$1,891.50 | .9700 = \$1,891.50 |
| Epp's Service, Elbing | .8900 = \$1,246.00 | 1.000 = \$1,950.00 | .8800 = \$1,716.00 |

Gehring moved to accept Goebel's recommendation and award all three areas to Cooperative Grain for a total of \$4,700.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Goebel presented a road crossing permit for Tri-County Telephone to bury fiber in several locations (along Remington Road, Kanza, and 190th) and recommended approval. Gehring moved to approve permit 2020-05 per Goebel's recommendation. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Goebel requested that the red spray truck be transferred from the Weed Department to Road & Bridge, as it is no longer being utilized for roadside spraying. After discussion, Becker moved to transfer the vehicle to Road & Bridge. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Dallke opposed.
- Becker suggested that the County pursue a lease purchase for the tractor and mower approved previously for purchase. After discussion, Crofoot moved to seek bids for lease purchase for the tractor and mower (three and five year bids). Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING: Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff presented a department update. Ratzlaff noted that service delivery methods have changed and the department has been busy with distribution of commodities and disaster relief food boxes.

Including Department on Aging services in a proposed Extension District with Dickinson County was discussed. Ratzlaff indicated that she sees no conflict with Dickinson County utilizing an Extension Agent for Aging services and Marion County maintaining an actual Department on Aging.

EXTENSION DISTRICT OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT: Extension Agent Rickey Roberts reviewed an amended operational agreement with the Board. Dickinson County Agent Jill Martinson provided some clarification regarding the funding of the additional agent for Dickinson County to address Aging Services. Gehring moved to approve the Extension District Operational Agreement between Marion and Dickinson County Extension Councils and K-State Research and Extension. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Crofoot stated that we all need to be aware of what is going in (in relation to COVID-19) and to use common sense as we look ahead to the future.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, CONTINUED: Novak questioned the validity of allowing members of the press to attend Commission meetings in person when no one from the public is allowed to do so. Gehring suggested the possibility of the meeting being entirely virtual with Commissioners attending remotely. No action was taken to change the meeting structure.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk