

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

April 13, 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.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Marion County Health Officer Diedre Serene updated the Board via teleconference regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. There are four confirmed positive cases in Marion County. Testing and reporting methods will be changing. Serene noted that she will report lab confirmed cases only, and after Marion County reaches five cases she will no longer do a press release for each and every case, but will likely go to a weekly press release.

- Emergency Management Dir. Randy Frank indicated that some safety goggles have been received, and some cleaning supplies for the ambulances, jail and courthouse have been ordered. Personal protective equipment (PPE) use and availability is being closely monitored.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of April 6th as presented. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting the 2019 tax roll were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Salary change sheets were signed:
 - Brandy Ankenman, change from Interim Director back to Pesticide Technician II – from \$2,974.00/mo. to \$2,380.00/mo. effective 2/23/2020;
 - Bryant Edwards – one year raise as Corrections Officer – from \$13.46/hour to \$13.59/hour effective 3/29/2020;
 - Joshua Meliza – one year raise as Deputy Sheriff – from \$17.53/hour to \$17.69/hour effective 4/8/2020.
- Spencer presented a quote for an outdoor ballot drop box from American Security Cabinets in the amount of \$2,082.00. After discussion, Crofoot moved to purchase the unit. Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Novak asked how Spencer will handle the upcoming elections since the County Clerk's position is on the ballot. Spencer noted that there are procedures in place for election administration which will be followed.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman presented chemical bids for review:

Chemical	Spec	Size	Van Diest	Nutrien
2.4D Amine	720	2x2.5 Gal.	\$ 8.97 = \$6,458.40*	\$ 8.99 = \$6,472.80
2,4D LV	720	2x2.5 Gal.	\$12.97 = \$9,208.80*	\$13.29 = \$9,568.80
Tordon 22K	180	4x1 Gal.	\$37.59 = \$6,766.20	\$37.50 = \$6,750.00*
Remedy Ultra	180	4x1 Gal.	\$45.23 = \$8,141.40	\$45.17 = \$8,130.60*
Dicamba	180	2x2.5 Gal.	\$28.89 = \$5,200.20*	\$29.09 = \$5,236.20
Glyphosate	180	2x2.5 Gal.	\$ 9.89 = \$1,780.20*	\$10.69 = \$1,924.20
Escort XP	384	8x16 Oz.	\$ 2.09 = \$ 802.56	\$ 2.03 = \$ 779.52*
Crossbow	25	2x2.5 Gal.	\$31.19 = \$ 779.75*	\$39.99 = \$ 999.75

The low bids for each item were highlighted (*). The grand total of all the low bids was \$38,307.95. Housman noted that Cooperative Grain and Ag Service both declined to bid. Gehring moved to accept the low bids on all products as recommended by Housman for a total of \$38,307.95. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel indicated (via teleconference) that the Department of Agriculture has approved the County's plan to correct violations discussed at the last meeting.

- The revised lease agreement discussed last week for storage of road materials near Lincolnville was received from the Co. Counselor and is being reviewed by Diepenbrock Farms.
- Goebel asked to be allowed to purchase a used tractor and a new flail mower at a total approximate cost of \$50,000.00. The Board did not object to Goebel seeking bids (including local bids).

EXTENSION DISTRICTING DISCUSSION: Rickey Roberts joined via teleconference to discuss the proposed operating agreement for the new proposed joint district. Specific questions of the Board included the inclusion of an agent in Dickinson County for aging services. Since Marion County has a separate Department on Aging, the Board was not sure that it makes sense for the joint district to handle that service for Dickinson County.

- Gehring encouraged the Board to contact Roberts directly with any other concerns.
- **Public Comment – Extension Districting:** Kevin Suderman commented (via teleconference) that Marion County will benefit through better programming and opportunities for 4-H by partnering with DK County because they have a larger tax base. In addition, there is a levy cap proposed, which will protect the taxpayers.

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COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring indicated that he really wants the County to take time to investigate the possibility of grant funding for expanded internet services.

- Dallke asked whether the Board wanted to take any action regarding hauling hard rock, and noted that the time of year to bid for contract purchase is probably coming up soon. Novak was in favor of hauling hard rock to place over roads where large rock has recently been used to help build the base. After discussion, no action was taken.
- Contract purchase of fuel was discussed with no action.
- The Eastshore road vacation request will be placed on the May 11th agenda for further review and possible action.
- The Road & Bridge work session previously postponed was tentatively scheduled for May 29th (payday).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Amy Soyez commented (via teleconference) that poll agents should be allowed to do what they are supposed to do.

Linda Peters asked (via teleconference) if there is a plan for hard rock to be placed over the Florence rock that has been hauled recently. Chr. Gehring indicated that further discussion of that topic may occur when Co. Engineer Brice Goebel is in attendance.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk