

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

March 2, 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, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer, members of the public, and members of the press.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Gehring moved to approve the minutes of February 24<sup>th</sup> as written. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Becker moved to approve the minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup> as presented. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Dallke abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Change orders affecting 2019 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- A salary sheet was signed for Travis Pohlman – change from part time to full time Corrections Officer at \$13.21/hour effective 1/6/2020.
- A Nomination form for County Weed Supervisor indicating Joshua Housman as the County's designee was signed by the Board for submission to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.
- Dallke moved to cancel outstanding encumbrances totaling \$15,784.40. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke moved that if the payday meeting falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday that there will be one Commission meeting that week (to handle payday and regular business) and if payday falls on a Thursday or Friday, that there would be two separate meetings that week. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring discussed the storm water drainage for the new transfer station, and indicated that all runoff must go to the sanitary sewer. In the future, the Board could potentially have a canopy installed to assist with watershed.

**COUNTY CLERK:** Co. Clerk Tina Spencer requested permission to carry over 44 hours of vacation for Cherry Miller to be used within the next six months. Crofoot moved to carry over 44 hours for six months. Dallke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Spencer requested approval to purchase five (5) new Express Vote ballot marking devices to add to the County's fleet and a DS 200 precinct scanner to utilize for advance ballots returned in the mail. After discussion, Dallke moved to purchase the touch screen equipment in the amount of \$20,380.00. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0. Becker moved to purchase the precinct scanner in the amount of \$5,205.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:** Health insurance renewals from BCBS were reviewed again along with the impact to the Employee Benefits fund should the County decide to shoulder the increase. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to survey the employees to find out preferences between changing the plan, increasing the employee contribution toward the premium, or keeping things the same and forgoing any raises / changes to the pay plan. The topic will be scheduled on the next agenda for possible decision.

**ILLEGAL DUMPING PROGRAM:** After discussion, Becker moved to work with KDHE on the Illegal Dumping Program on property for Lot 11, Block 27, Lost Springs. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Novak moved to approve cleanup for property owned by Steven and Sharon Williams located at 103 E. Crane, Lost Springs. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Novak moved to approve cleanup for property owned by Steven and Sharon Williams located next to 103 E. Crane, Lost Springs. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**CONSTRUCTION / DEMOLITION (C&D) WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM:** A draft resolution for potential implementation was reviewed. Language on Point #10 was revised to indicate that the program could be altered or cancelled by Resolution of the Board. Gehring moved to adopt Resolution 2020-07 (Implementing a program to allow reduced rates for the disposal of designated types of waste for the purpose of reducing blight and promoting community and business development in Marion County, Kansas) as amended. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to set the reduced rate for the construction and demolition waste reduction program qualifiers at \$15.00/ton. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** USDA funding for streambank stabilization in two areas has been approved. The estimated total project cost is \$205,000.00; with the County's portion at \$51,250.00 (can be in-kind contribution). Gehring moved to approve with the overall budget estimate of \$205,000.00, USDA funding of \$153,750.00, and County funding (including in-kind contribution) of \$51,250.00 for streambank stabilization for locations located on 130<sup>th</sup> and on 350<sup>th</sup>. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Meisinger requested a decision from the Board on whether the County will maintain 1 ¼ miles north of 260<sup>th</sup> on Mustang. This area was initially rocked at Meisinger's expense, and he said he was told (in 2004) that the County would take over maintenance. Meisinger noted that this has not occurred. After discussion, Becker moved that the County take over maintenance of 1 ¼ miles North of 260<sup>th</sup> on Mustang. Novak seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Dallke opposed because of a policy change and budgetary concerns.

- Gehring noted that no other requests should be considered until the County holds a work session and implements official policy.

Trayce Warner noted that the Board has to make decisions about what is morally correct and financially sustainable. She asked whether a relative of hers might qualify for the newly implemented C&D Waste Reduction Program, and she was advised to have the individual complete an application.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Novak asked when the work session will be scheduled to develop the policy discussed regarding road maintenance. It will be included on the Road & Bridge Work session scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dallke moved to recess into executive session for five minutes (from 11:12 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.) to discuss personnel performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) (for personnel matters of non-elected personnel) with only the Board present. Novak seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

**A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO ALLOW REDUCED RATES FOR THE  
DISPOSAL OF DESIGNATED TYPES OF WASTE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING  
BLIGHT AND PROMOTING COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN MARION  
COUNTY, KANSAS**

WHEREAS, derelict structures impact the economic and community development within Marion County, creating areas of blight;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Marion County Commission to promote economic and community development and encourage business expansion;

WHEREAS, in recognition that the cost to demolish and dispose of said derelict structures is a financial burden to many property owners;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a program is hereby implemented which will allow reduced fees for disposal of construction and demolition waste at the Marion County Transfer Station subject to these limitations:

1. Application shall be made through the Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Office on prescribed forms.
2. Applications must include a description of the project with photographs.
3. Applications within the incorporated area of any city must include a letter of recommendation for approval from authorized city official(s).
4. An asbestos inspection is required prior to demolition.
5. The Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Director and the Transfer Station Director shall jointly review and approve or disapprove all submitted applications and report to the Board of Commissioners regularly regarding the program (including, but not limited to, approved applications, tonnage disposed, cost, and other information as requested).
6. Program is limited to the first ten (10) approved applications each calendar year.
7. For each application, a maximum of 25 tons will be eligible for the reduced rate.
8. No stone, asphalt, brick, concrete, dirt, metals or hazardous materials will be allowed.
9. The reduced rate shall be set by specific motion and vote of the Board of Marion County Commissioners. The Commission may change the reduced rate as needed through motion and vote. Any applications already on file at the time of a rate change shall be subject to the rate in place at the time of application.
10. The program shall begin on March 2, 2020, and can be altered or discontinued by the Board of Commissioners at any time through a Resolution.

On roll call the above resolution was passed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

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RESOLUTION 2020-07 SIGNATURE PAGE

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

[Signature] ☒ Yea  
Jonah Gehring, Chairman – District 5 ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain

[Signature] ☒ Yea  
Kent Becker, Member – District 1 ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain

[Signature] ☒ Yea  
Dianne R. Novak, Member – District 2 ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain

[Signature] ☒ Yea  
Randy Balke, Member – District 3 ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain

[Signature] ☒ Yea  
Dave Crofoot, Member – District 4 ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain



ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk