

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

January 31, 2020

Commission met for payday and other business in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with Chr. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Randy Dallke, Comm. Kent Becker, 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. Present for portions of the meeting was Co. Counselor Brad Jantz.

SALES TAX: Sales tax for the month of November, 2019 has been received in the amount of \$55,585.61.

PAYDAY: A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. Gehring moved to approve payments totaling \$552.38 to Western Associates. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with 3 in favor, Novak opposed, and Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing). Dallke moved to approve payments totaling \$52.75 to Elcon Electric. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-1 with 3 in favor, Novak opposed, and Gehring abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

- Mileage reports and the cumulative comp time report were reviewed.
- The warrant register was approved and signed for a payday figure of \$1,364,615.02, including payroll at \$530,924.56, checks #47701-47942; voided check #47731.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dallke moved to approve the minutes of January 27th as presented. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- A salary sheet was signed for Joshua Clevenger, AEMT – change from part-time to full-time at an hourly rate of \$13.91/hour effective 2/3/2020.
- Gehring moved to adopt Resolution 2020-05 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for the 2020 budget year. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

AMBULANCE – REAL ESTATE DISCUSSION: Dir. Travis Parmley joined the session to present additional information pertaining to real estate acquisition. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss the Hillsboro ambulance station pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with Parmley and the Board present. It was noted that the discussion was not scheduled on the agenda until 9:30 a.m. and Parmley didn't have confidential information to present. Gehring withdrew his motion. Session recessed until 9:30 a.m. Hillsboro Fire Chief Ben Steketee joined the session. Parmley presented costs for a new station and a metal building addition to an existing building in Hillsboro. After discussion, Crofoot moved to table further discussion for two weeks and then put it back on the agenda. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session and requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation for 30 minutes. Gehring moved to recess into executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client business for 30 minutes (until 10:35 a.m.) with the Board and Jantz present. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Gehring to recess into executive session to discuss pending litigation for 20 minutes (until 10:55 a.m.) pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client business with the Board and Jantz present. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Dallke left the session to attend a pre-construction meeting at the Transfer Station.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: The invoice for the semi-truck previously authorized was discussed. A two year warranty was not available. The dealer has offered a one year warranty. Spencer asked whether the Board still wishes to proceed with the purchase. Gehring moved to purchase the semi with a one year warranty at a cost not to exceed \$52,400.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0.

RECYCLING DISCUSSION: Becker noted that the County's suspension of recycling services is intended to be temporary and other options are still being investigated. Dale Dalke of Hillsboro noted that the City of Hillsboro may adapt their recycling stream or try to haul to McPherson. After discussion, the Board agreed to have Josh Housman contact McPherson to see if it would be possible for the County to haul recycling there temporarily. There was no change to the previous directive to pick up the outlying bins after February 10th. Trayce Warner expressed concern about people getting out of the recycling habit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Beneke encouraged the Commission to look at some work he recently completed (at his own expense) on his road. He suggested that a box blade that is pulled behind a tractor might be a good tool for County use.

- Tom Britain questioned Co. Counselor Jantz regarding the legality of bonuses for elected Department Heads. Jantz indicated that he has researched this before, but will investigate further. Britain also expressed frustration about a tax exempt eyesore that will be built near his home and said that some Commissioners gave themselves a two mile buffer. He said that some people won't move to the County because of this.

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January 31, 2020, Continued

PUBLIC COMMENT, CONTINUED: Michelle Butts dropped off a map of a proposed electric line expansion which will be discussed at a meeting on February 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Marion County Lake Hall.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Jonah Gehring, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

Resolution No. 2020-05

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE 2020 BUDGET YEAR**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Marion County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,222.

Section 3. Marion County Commissioners hereby obligate Marion County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Marion County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years, if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Marion County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Marion County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. Marion County shall allocate \$4,500.00 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Marion County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis and shall inform the State of Kansas of any changes to the annual allocation. Marion County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of September each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 31st day of Jan. 2020 by the Board of Marion County Commissioners, Marion County, Kansas.

RESOLUTION 2020-05 SIGNATURE PAGE

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

Jonah Gehring ☒ Yea
Jonah Gehring, Chairman - District 5 ☐ Nay
☐ Abstain

Kent Becker ☒ Yea
Kent Becker, Member - District 1 ☐ Nay
☐ Abstain

Dianne R. Novak ☒ Yea
Dianne R. Novak, Member - District 2 ☐ Nay
☐ Abstain

Randy Dalke ☒ Yea
Randy Dalke, Member - District 3 ☐ Nay
☐ Abstain

Dave Crofoot ☒ Yea
Dave Crofoot, Member - District 4 ☐ Nay
☐ Abstain



ATTEST:

Tina D. Spencer
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk