

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

January 21, 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.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Novak moved to approve the minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup> as written. Becker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- A salary sheet was signed for Mitchell Wade Gillan, new Transfer Station Equipment Operator at \$2,267.00/mo. effective 1/8/2020. (Spencer noted that the individual has already resigned.)
- Department revenue reports and the income and expenses for December, 2019 were provided for review.
- The Transfer Station Tonnage Report and the Recycling Report were provided for Board review.
- Change orders affecting 2019 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- A draft job description for the newly created shared Emergency Management/Health position was provided for Commission feedback. A final draft will be forthcoming for official approval next week.
- After discussion, Gehring moved to have a public comment period at the beginning and the end of regular meetings and also have time allotted of three minutes per subject for public comment during each scheduled agenda item. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Becker moved to appoint Derek Belton as the at-large member on the Planning Commission. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 3-2 with Novak and Gehring opposed.

**PARK & LAKE:** Supt. Isaac Hett requested permission to move forward with installation of a new playground area on the northeast side of the lake. \$8,000.00 has been donated toward the project. After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the plan set forth by Hett (for the play area). Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Hett requested approval to carry over 48 hours of vacation for Gerald Bender. Dallke moved to carry over 48 hours of vacation to be used within 60 days with Hett's approval. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING:** Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff presented an overview of department activities for 2019.

**AMBULANCE (EMS):** Dir. Travis Parmley was present for department business, including a discussion regarding the potential acquisition of real estate for a station in Hillsboro. Hillsboro City Administrator Larry Paine was also present. Paine indicated that plans are being made to construct a new public safety facility in approximately five years, which would potentially include EMS. Parmley has requested permission to move forward with the purchase/renovation of an existing building in Hillsboro. The idea of purchasing a building now, and then later moving into Hillsboro's new facility was discussed. Paine encouraged continued cooperation between the City and the County, and indicated that the City is not necessarily in support of the location currently being pursued by Parmley. Novak asked whether the City of Hillsboro might provide something in writing in regard to their planned facility and their offer to include Marion County EMS. After additional discussion, Crofoot moved to table the issue for one week. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Parmley presented the lease document from the 4<sup>th</sup> Fire District for the new location for the Peabody Ambulance for approval and signature by the County. Dallke moved to authorize Chr. Gehring to sign the lease, subject to legal review. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Parmley provided proposed staffing charts for current and future full time staffing, and clarified that the Instructor / Coordinator duties will be assigned to an employee who will be working a regular full time EMS shift, and will not be a separate position at this time.

**MARION COUNTY FOOD BANK:** Gerry Henderson, Gene Winkler and Jan Helmer joined the session. Winkler presented an annual report including the number of families and individuals served, and the amount of food donated.

**WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING:** Josh Housman presented bids for new and used semi-trucks:

Williams Service, Florence, KS	2015 International Prostar	\$ 49,000.00	Ext. Warranty	\$5,900.00
	2021 International RH613	\$ 97,597.50		
Doonan Truck & Equipment, Wichita, KS	2015 Peterbuilt 389 (with wet kit)	\$ 61,000.00	Ext. Warranty	\$6,750.00
	2021 Peterbuilt 389	\$124,000.00		

Gehring moved to purchase the 2015 International from Williams Service to include a two year warranty and wet kit at a price not to exceed \$59,000.00. Housman explained that the wet kit will need to be purchased separately from another vendor. Gehring withdrew his motion.

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**WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING, CONTINUED:** Gehring moved to purchase the 2015 International from Williams Service including a two year warranty for a price not to exceed \$54,900.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed. (Novak was in favor of further negotiation.)

Gehring moved to purchase the wet kit from Fleet Pride at a cost not to exceed \$5,960.17. Dallke seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Novak opposed.

Dallke moved that Housman and (R&B Shop Supervisor) Tom Holub drive the truck and check it out before finalizing the sale, and that they be authorized to decline the purchase if they see a problem. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Staffing was discussed. The new employee hired for the Transfer Station has already resigned. The position is being advertised again. Since the department is short staffed, Housman indicated that the Weed Department and HHW will be opening only on Friday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Recycling was discussed. Housman indicated that currently, and for the past several weeks, the facility to which Marion County had been hauling is not accepting our recycling. Dallke suggested that the County temporarily suspend picking up recyclables from communities in the County. No decision was made. Housman will follow up with the recycling facility and the subject will be discussed again next week.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a road crossing permit for Shawmar Oil to replace a gas line along 240<sup>th</sup> between Brook Rd. and Clover Rd. that was damaged during the installation of telephone fiber line. Dallke moved to approve the permit and authorize the Chairman to sign. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Gehring moved to hold quarterly Road & Bridge work sessions with Brice Goebel and Jesse Hamm beginning the afternoon of March 30, 2020. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Goebel presented bids for a bulldozer with a six-way blade:

Foley Equipment, Wichita, KS	2019 Caterpillar D5K2XLA	\$147,188.95
Murphy Tractor, Park City, KS	John Deere 650K Smartgrade	\$225,965.27
Berry Tractor, Wichita, KS	Komatsu D39PX-24	\$167,427.00

Discussion ensued. Goebel was asked to bring back a list of current equipment and existing lease purchases for next week's meeting. No decision was made.

**Public Comments – R&B:**

- Linda Peters expressed concern that postponing the purchase of the dozer requested by Goebel could delay much needed ditch work.
- Yvonne Cushenbery read a series of text messages between herself and Goebel and expressed dissatisfaction with Goebel's response to her concerns about the roads and her request for sand. She also read a prepared statement about the same, and encouraged Goebel to be more professional in his communication.

Novak indicated that a truck driver in Pilsen has requested permission to park on our County lot. After discussion, the Board did not approve the request.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION – ZONING REGULATIONS:** Novak requested that the Board support her in sending several parts of our Zoning Regulations back to the Planning Commission for review and possible revision. Novak noted several specific sections of Article 27 that she would like to have reviewed / revised. Gehring requested that the specific items be noted in writing and made available to the Board for discussion and potential action. Gehring also noted that there is nothing in our regulations about industrial solar applications.

Crofoot moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Jonah Gehring, Chairman

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