

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

January 11, 2021

District #2 Commissioner David Mueller, District #3 Commissioner Randy Dallke, District #4 Commissioner Dave Crofoot, and District #5 Commissioner Jonah Gehring were sworn into office by Judge Michael Powers at 8:30 a.m. in the courtroom of the Marion County Courthouse. Other elected officials sworn in were: Sheriff Robert Craft, Co. Attorney Joel Ensey, Register of Deeds Rebecca Wingfield, and Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Treasurer-elect Susan Berg was introduced, and will be sworn in when her term begins in October, 2021. A reception followed in the main floor hallway.

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Jonah Gehring, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Randy Dallke, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. David Mueller present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

Dallke and the rest of the Board thanked Gehring for serving as Chairman in 2020. Mueller stated that he is looking forward to serving with the other Board members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments at the beginning or end of the meeting.

**NEW YEAR BUSINESS: Reorganization of the Board** – Dallke moved to appoint Crofoot as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2021. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Becker moved to appoint Dallke as Chairman of the Board for 2021. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- **Legal Publisher:** It was noted that the legal publisher is the Marion County Record (per Resolution 2018-02 still in effect).
- **Banks:** Gehring moved to approve all Marion County Banks as depositories for the County. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Gehring moved to approve the minutes of January 4<sup>th</sup>. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Becker moved to approve the minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup> as written. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present for department business. The contracts between KDOT and Marion County for two upcoming projects were presented for review and approval.

- Goebel reported that the County's dozer needs repairs that will cost about \$21,000.00. The Board expressed no objection to the repairs.
- Goebel reported that the department recently sold a large amount of scrap iron and received \$145.00/ton.
- Gehring moved to approve the agreement for Project #57 C-5064-01 (culvert replacement) and authorize the Chairman to sign. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the agreement for Project #57 KA-6008-01 (Nighthawk Road improvements) and authorize the Chairman to sign. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Dir. Randy Frank was present (virtually) for a department update.

**WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING:** Asst. Brandy Ankenman was present for department business. Recycling and the solid waste assessment fee were discussed with no action.

**BID OPENING – NIGHTHAWK ROAD PROJECT:** Bids for the Nighthawk rebuild were reviewed:

	<u>Alternate 1</u>	<u>Alternate 2</u>
Bob Bergkamp Construction, Wichita, KS	n/a	\$2,926,155.00
Rock Solid Stabilization, Genoa City, WI	n/a	\$3,194,400.00
Andale Construction, Wichita, KS	\$3,965,836.00	n/a
Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group, Mt. Carmel, IL	n/a	\$3,665,939.00
Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Topeka, KS	n/a	\$3,596,993.40
Coughlin Company, Inc., St. George, UT	n/a	\$2,653,500.00

The bids will be reviewed and possible award will be made on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION – COUNTY WAGES:** After discussion, Crofoot moved to approve a .30/hour raise for all full time and part time employees (excluding Commissioners) effective 12/21/2020. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Mueller opposed, noting that he favored a larger increase. The Board commented that the pay plan needs to be reviewed for potential implementation. Spencer was directed to contact the consultant to see what the cost might be to update the plan to reflect market changes since its development.

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Co. Counselor joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**AMBULANCE:** Dir. Travis Parmley presented uncollectable accounts to be written off for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 in the amount of \$10,739.27. Gehring moved to write-off \$10,739.27. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Parmley read a prepared statement requesting that the Board not move forward with building a new Hillsboro Station on ground to be leased from the City of Hillsboro, but instead to look for an existing option that could potentially save time and money.
- Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) (for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate) with the Board, Parmley, and Jantz present for 20 minutes until 11:30 a.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz was present for Attorney/Client business. Park & Lake Supt. Isaac Hett joined the session. Hett noted that he will need Jantz' guidance on removing some abandoned items in the pay-for-storage area at the lake. Hett requested an executive session to discuss the heated fishing dock. Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Hett, and Jantz present for 20 minutes until 12:00 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Mueller requested that weekly COVID-19 updates still be provided. Spencer noted that she had a written update that she could read.

- Mueller requested that IT Provider Lloyd Davies be placed on the agenda to provide quarterly updates to the Board.
- Dallke noted that he would like an update on the investigation into the recent inmate suicide.
- Becker requested that all department heads be scheduled at least quarterly, and attend the meeting even if they don't have any business requiring Board action.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Spencer read a written update from Health Officer Diedre Serene which indicated 73 active cases, one hospitalization, and six deaths with a rolling 14-day positivity rate of 14.5%.

**CO. COUNSELOR, CONTINUED:** Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present until 12:35 p.m. Open session resumed with no action.

Jantz requested an executive session for attorney/client consultation to discuss personnel for 10 minutes. Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance with the Board and Jantz present pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client consultation until 12:50 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Randy Dallke, Chairman

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