

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

January 6, 2020

Commission met in regular session in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with Chr. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, Comm. Randy Dallke, Comm. Jonah Gehring, 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 December 31<sup>st</sup> as written, but plans to question the language and counts pertaining to abstentions in the future. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting 2019 and prior year tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- The monthly comp time report reviewed on payday was provided and discussed.
- Draft language seeking letters of application from organizations interested in the County tourism bus was reviewed by the Board with no objections. Legal approval from the Co. Counselor will be sought before advertising.
- The consensus of the Board was to set a January 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for submission of Planning Commission applications.
- Cost information was provided for adding departments to the County drug testing program.
- Gehring moved to transfer title for a 1987 Ford that Hillsboro has been using as a rescue truck and currently going to be a salt spreader to the City of Hillsboro. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Payment of valet parking charges for employees traveling on County business was discussed. Spencer was directed to draft policy / memo language stating that valet parking will only be paid if there is no other reasonable parking available. (If reasonable, safe, self-parking is available, valet parking will not be allowed.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel reported that a forklift has been purchased through an online auction. The total cost, including a 10% buyer's premium was \$8,470.00. Items listed by the County have all been sold, and over \$50,000.00 will be received. Goebel indicated he is looking at a used belly-dump truck from Riley County. He also noted that he would like to purchase a disc to utilize for road rebuilds.

- Rock was discussed. Goebel indicated that the only KDOT approved rock currently available at Harshman Quarry is AB-1. Other types of rock are currently being quality tested.

**PARK & LAKE:** Supt. Isaac Hett reported that a timeline should be established this week for the replacement of the heated dock.

- Marion Girl Scouts have asked to install a dog park at the lake. No decision was made. Counselor Jantz will be consulted regarding potential liability.
- Hett was directed to research options for a possible building to house department equipment (possibly also a salt-storage facility for Road & Bridge).

**CO. APPRAISER:** Co. Appraiser Lisa Berg gave a department update, and noted that taxes on over 150 parcels have been paid under protest to date. Many of the protest forms list reasons that are not under the purview of the Appraiser's Office and are unlikely to change the values of the property (like road conditions and County spending).

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Spencer requested an executive session to discuss personnel/medical and shared leave request. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss a medical/shared leave request pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Spencer and the Board present (from 10:28 a.m.) until 10:35 a.m. with open session to resume in Commission Chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to approve family medical leave and shared leave for a qualified County employee. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead was present for this portion of the meeting. After discussion Novak moved to appoint Larry Cushenbery to the Planning Commission to represent District Two. After further discussion, Novak withdrew her motion. A legal opinion regarding the appointment process to be used by the Board of County Commissioners has not yet been received from Co. Counselor Jantz, and no application was provided from the nominee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Linda Peters encouraged the Board to consider seeking compensation from Harshman Quarry if non-KDOT approved rock was sold to the County, and that the responsibility for tightening up the process and / or testing the materials should fall to the quarry, not the County.

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**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:** The possibility of moving the Weed Department and Transfer Station under the supervision of the Road & Bridge department was discussed. The topic will be scheduled on the agenda.

Road rock was discussed again. After discussion, Novak moved to authorize Brad Jantz to draft a letter to all quarries. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. (The letter would indicate that failure to provide KDOT approved materials per County policy will result in loss of County business, and also potentially request compensation for erroneous loads received.)

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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Kent Becker, Chairman

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