

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

September 23, 2019

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Kent Becker, Comm. Randy Dallke, and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Co. Counselor joined the session at approximately 10:15 a.m. Present for portions of the session were Henry Ethem, Amy Soyez, Jonah Gehring, Dave Crofoot, Tom Britain, Michelle Butts, Randall Eitzen, Sean Crabb, Amy Stutzman, other members of the public, and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Becker moved to approve the minutes of September 16th as written. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Becker moved to approve the minutes of September 20th as written. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Change orders affecting 2018 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board. Supplements affecting the 2019 tax roll were reviewed by the Board.
- The Board was informed that the County Appraiser has achieved substantial compliance with State requirements.
- Modular furniture design/layout was reviewed and discussed. Two options from Office Plus of Kansas were reviewed at a cost of \$2,650.00, and \$2,450.00. Dallke moved to approve Option 1 (for \$2,650.00) with four additional chairs (at \$391.00 each). Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented area fuel bids for review:

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	<u>1,400 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.1040 = \$2,945.60	2.2300 = \$4,348.50	2.1240 = \$4,141.80
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.1590 = \$3,022.60	2.2790 = \$4,444.05	2.1590 = \$4,210.05

Becker moved to approve the low bid from Cooperative Grain for all three areas. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Skid steer bids were presented. No decision was made. Goebel was asked to get information about a potential lease.
- Goebel reported that the County's bridge application for KDOT funding for 2021 was denied.
- Goebel requested feedback about potential projects to submit to KDOT for the new cost-share program. No decision was made. Additional discussion will be scheduled for next week.
- Ernie Gray has retired after 32 years of service with the County.

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION – TRANSFER STATION: After discussion, Dallke moved to ask George K. Baum & Company to gauge the interest among lenders for a 10-15 year lease purchase agreement. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.

CO. TREASURER – MONTHLY UPDATE: Co. Treasurer Jeannine Bateman provided a comparison between delinquent taxes from last year vs. the current year.

TRANSFER STATION ENGINEERING: A letter from Kaw Valley Engineering requesting an increase in the approved contract amount was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Additional amounts requested for approval were:

\$ 1,000.00	Plan Changes by PKMR for Heat/AC on new office building
\$ 1,200.00	Engineering for Land Farm Permit
\$ 550.00	Updated Cost Estimate Report (for budgeting)
\$15,000.00	Engineering for City of Marion's (electric) distribution lines to be placed underground

Approval of all of the items would result in a total updated contract price of \$166,250.00. It was noted that two of the expenses listed were not discussed with the Board (HVAC changes and Budget Estimate) as potential additional charges. After discussion, Dallke moved to approve the proposed increases for the land farm, the cost estimate, and the electrical engineering for moving the power lines, but NOT the increase for the HVAC plan changes (for an updated contract price of \$165,250.00). Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

CO. COUNSELOR – ZONING REGULATION DISCUSSION: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined the session. Also present for portions of this discussion were Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead and Patrick Pelstring of National Renewable Solutions. Jantz indicated that Marion County's zoning regulations are silent in regard to transmission lines in road rights-of-way. Jantz indicated that the County can either move forward without making changes, or send a directive to the Planning Commission to review and provide a recommendation to the Board on the matter, potentially updating the regulations accordingly. Novak moved to send that matter back to the Planning Commission for review. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Britain indicated that cell service in the Tampa area seems to be experiencing difficulties. Novak agreed, and said that she has been having trouble with dropped calls since the wind farm became active in the area.

Pat Pelstring stated that issues like that can be addressed within the Expedition project by potentially engaging in a pre-test and post-test of communication signals.

Michelle Butts commented that there may be issues with old state and federal road rights-of-way not being properly released to the County when highways were moved in the past, implying that the County may not have authority over those road rights-of-way.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk