

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

October 7, 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 meeting were Henry Ethem, Tom Britain, Amy Soyez, Randall Eitzen, Charlie Loewen, Jonah Gehring, and members of the press.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- Becker moved to approve the minutes of September 30<sup>th</sup> as written. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Supplements affecting the 2019 tax roll were reviewed by the Board.
- The State bonded indebtedness report was provided for Board review.
- A regional commission meeting is planned for October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Geary County.
- A salary sheet was signed for Gwenda Rutherford – six month raise as EMT from \$12.00/hour to \$12.25/hour effective 10/13/2019.
- A salary sheet for a one year raise for Planning/Zoning Dir. Sharon Omstead was tabled.
- Novak moved to approve an expenditure of \$2,460.00 toward the remodeling project for the juvenile intake and assessment facility. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Novak presented an invoice for vehicle damage repair that an individual stated was due to hitting a pot hole on a County road. The information was provided to Co. Engineer Brice Goebel so that the matter can be directed to the County's insurance provider.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present for department business. Novak noted that 370<sup>th</sup> (Diamond Vista haul route road) was repaired by the County. Goebel indicated that a bill will be prepared and sent to Enel Green Power (EGP) to reimburse the County for the work.

Transport fuel bids were reviewed:	Tank #3	Tank #1	Unleaded	Total
	<u>3,500 gals.</u>	<u>2,000 gals.</u>	<u>2,500 gals.</u>	
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.2270	1.9720	1.9620	\$16,643.50
Coop Grain, Hillsboro	2.5200	1.9950	1.9500	\$16,747.00

Becker moved to approve the bid from Epp's Service in the amount of \$16,643.50. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Goebel presented an agreement (road crossing permit #2019-3) between RK Communications and Marion County for work to be completed at various locations in the County following an existing pipeline route. A map was attached. Becker moved to accept the agreement (road crossing permit #2019-3) between RK Communications and Marion County. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Goebel noted better cooperation with Diamond Vista officials on road issues. No schedule has been received from the contractor for road maintenance, but Goebel said the contractor indicated that all roads west of Goldenrod are ready for post-construction inspection. An official amendment to the Road Maintenance Agreement must be in place prior to the implementation of the phased post-construction approach. A potential division of phases and work prepared by Goebel and Kirkham Michael was provided to the Board for feedback. Deadlines for completion of each phase were discussed with no Board action.
- Salary sheets were signed for: Fred Philpott from \$2,356.00/mo. to \$2,486.00/mo. effective 10/21/2019 – promotion to Equipment Operator II (Gravel); Jeffery Silhan from \$10.00/hour to \$2,267.00/mo. effective 10/21/2019 – change from part-time seasonal help to full time Equipment Operator I (Special Bridge); Glen George from \$2,356.00/mo. to \$2,486.00/mo. effective 10/21/2019 promotion to Equipment Operator II (Blacktop).
- Goebel reported that several of the shop buildings need roof repair/replacement.
- The KDOT Cost Share application was reviewed with the Board. Comm. Dallke left the session at 10:08 a.m.

**APPRAISER:** Co. Appraiser Lisa Reeder presented a quarterly department update. All tasks are timely or ahead of schedule.

- Reeder presented an application for the Neighborhood Revitalization program. The project qualifies; however, the application was not submitted prior to construction. Becker moved to approve Christian Pedersen for the Neighborhood Revitalization program for a 26'x46' garage located at 130 S. Coble, Marion. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0.

**PARK & LAKE:** Supt. Isaac Hett reported that a third bid is expected this week for repairs to the heated dock.

- Hett requested permission to set limits on the amount of rock and millings taken from the stockpile at the Park & Lake by residents at one time, and the Board had no objections to Hett limiting quantities. Notification procedure regarding the stockpile and other topics was discussed.

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October 7, 2019, Continued

**PARK & LAKE, CONTINUED:**

- Hett reported that he may advertise in the “Passport America” program which would provide advertising and entitles members to discounted camping rates with certain exclusions designated by the County. The Board stated no objections to participating.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss contract negotiation specific to Expedition Wind. Becker moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of evaluating legal obligations and requirements to be comprehensively considered and included in any development agreements along with the ramifications of each regarding the Expedition Wind project pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b(2) for consultation with our attorney regarding matters deemed privileged in the attorney client relationship with Jantz and the Board present (for 13 minutes, from 10:42 a.m.) until 10:55 a.m. with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0. Open session resumed with no action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tom Britain asked Jantz whether he has heard anything back from the railroad. Jantz indicated he has not.

- Jonah Gehring asked whether the Board had given any additional consideration to the issue of allowing out-of-county boats at the Marion County Lake. They indicated they have not.
- Britain asked whether Novak had made any progress with Verizon on the cell-phone coverage issue. She indicated she had called but has not gotten through to the right person.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Novak inquired from Jantz regarding abandoned State rights-of way, and there was no update.

- Novak moved to cancel the October 14<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.
- Becker moved to adjourn. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Kent Becker, Chairman

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