

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

February 6, 2017

Commission met in regular session at the Marion County Courthouse. The 9:00 a.m. start time was delayed until 9:20 a.m. because Dallke and Lalouette were unavailable. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Vice Chr. Dianne Novak with Comm. Lalouette present. Chr. Dallke joined the session at 9:33 a.m. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer, Co. Counselor Susan Robson and members of the press. Tom Britain was present for portions of the meeting.

MINUTES: Lalouette moved to approve the minutes of January 31st as presented. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Change orders affecting the 2016 tax roll were reviewed by the Board and signed by Novak.

Early checks were presented for processing:

#44249 to Cooperative Grain and Supply for transport fuel in the amount of \$15,055.75 – R&B Fund

#44250 to Manatron, Inc. for annual maintenance/support contract in the amount of \$5,451.12 – Co. Gen/Treasurer

#44251 to Postalocity for CVN postage prepayment in the amount of \$5,606.19 – Co. Appraiser

Township Board Appointments: Novak moved to appoint Donald Mueller to the vacant Blaine Township Treasurer position. Lalouette seconded and motion carried 2-0.

Novak moved to appoint Darryl Ehrlich to the vacant Gale Township Trustee position. Lalouette seconded and motion carried 2-0.

Chr. Dallke joined the session.

Courthouse Window Restoration Project: Courthouse custodian Mike Hurst was present for this portion of the session. The Board looked at several windows to determine if the subcontractor should move forward with painting the exterior upper cross piece of the lower window sashes that were previously painted white. After viewing several examples, the consensus of the board was to move forward with the painting as planned.

Radio Upgrade: The grant application for the County's radio project has been submitted. A special meeting with cities, fire departments and other emergency and municipal personnel is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Marion City Building.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Supt. Jesse Hamm and Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment, presented final purchase information for the used motor grader which is currently being tested by the department. Dallke asked whether there was a history of major repairs or problems with the machine, and Bender said the information is available, and that the machine has had no history of major repairs. The unit still carries the remainder of the premiere warranty through 11-26-2018 and carries three remaining services on the maintenance plan, including the major 2,000 hour service. The purchase price is \$166,300.00 and a trade in allowance for the 1995 120H Caterpillar would be \$24,100.00.

Novak asked for more time to consider the information before making a decision to purchase. After additional discussion, Dallke moved to purchase the 2013 Caterpillar 120M2 All Wheel Drive (AWD) motor grader for \$166,300.00. Lalouette seconded and motion carried 2-1. Novak opposed. Dallke moved to trade in the 1995 Caterpillar for \$24,100.00, which would be applied toward the price of the machine being purchased, leaving a balance due of \$142,200.00. Lalouette seconded and motion carried 2-1. Novak opposed.

Hamm noted that it would be his preference to finance the unit so that funds will still be available in the equipment budget to purchase the trucks that are needed this year. Foley will prepare lease purchase paperwork for approval at the next meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Roger Holter was present for this portion of the session. Dir. Teresa Huffman reported that a new business plans to move to Marion County from another state. They have made an offer on a building, and plan to employ seven people. The deal is not yet final, so a formal announcement will be delayed.

Huffman said she is trying to get additional funds from USDA Rural Development to add to the County's microloan program. Two local businesses are interested in expanding and at least one will be utilizing microloan funds to improve their business.

Huffman reported that she is working with residents who want to open three businesses on their property.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTINUED: Huffman stated that events in conjunction with the Chisholm Trail anniversary are being planned for Goessel and Durham.

Huffman noted that she will be attending meetings next week at the State Capitol.

Two local manufacturing businesses will be advertising in a trade magazine, with Huffman's assistance.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dallke moved to enter executive session for 10 minutes for attorney/client business to discuss property acquisition with Spencer and Robson. Lalouette seconded and motion carried 3-0. (10:27 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.) Open session resumed with no action.

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Adm. Diedre Serene requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel/performance. Dallke moved to enter executive session with Serene for 10 minutes to discuss personnel/performance. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. (10:41 a.m. to 10:51 a.m.) Dallke moved to include Robson and Spencer in the session. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Dallke to extend the session for ten more minutes with all the same people included. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. (10:51 a.m. to 11:01 a.m.) Open session resumed with no action.

Serene will sell the department's old vaccine refrigerator through the sealed bid process.

CO. APPRAISER: Appraiser Ray Cook requested an executive session to discuss personnel/performance for 15 minutes. Dallke moved to enter executive session with Cook for 15 minutes to discuss personnel/performance and to include Robson and Spencer. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. (11:06 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.) Open session resumed with a statement by Dallke that Cook would be out of the office for a couple of weeks.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Spencer requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel/pay with Robson present. Dallke moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel/pay with Spencer and Robson for 10 minutes. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. (11:23 a.m. to 11:33 a.m.) Open session resumed with a motion by Dallke to extend the session for five more minutes. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. (11:34 a.m. to 11:39 a.m.) Open session resumed with no action.

A work session to review the Commissioners' list of current and future projects was scheduled for Friday, February 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Lalouette seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Randy Dallke, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk