

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

September 17, 2018

Commission met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. with Chr. Dianne Novak and Comm. Kent Becker present. Comm. Randy Dallke was present for the first part of the meeting via telephone, and then joined the meeting in person at 10:17 a.m. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer and members of the press. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, Yvonne Cushenbery, Tom Britain, Don Stenzel, Lloyd Meier, Clint Kroupa, Tom Oborny, Rhonda Curry, Ashley Herpich, Lisa Reeder, Cherry Miller, Henry Etham, and two applicants for the Interim EMS Director position.

EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW: Novak moved to recess into executive session to conduct an employment interview for the Interim EMS Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and an applicant present for 20 minutes (from 8:03 a.m. until 8:23 a.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0. (Comm. Dallke participated by phone.) Open session resumed with a motion by Novak to recess back into executive session to continue the employment interview pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and the applicant present for 15 more minutes (from 8:24 a.m. to 8:39 a.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action. The applicant and Comm. Dallke left the session. Session recessed until 9:00 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Becker moved to approve the minutes of September 10th as presented. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-0. Novak moved to approve the minutes of September 13th as presented. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.

- Supplements affecting the 2018 tax roll were reviewed by the Board.
- Early check #51540 to Marion National Bank in the amount of \$83,318.99 for a lease purchase payment (General Fund) was approved for processing.
- Chr. Novak signed the EMPG grant application.
- Susan Robson has been appointed Special Prosecutor for Case 18-CR-168 by Co. Attorney Courtney Boehm.
- Salary sheets were signed: Joseph Catron – new Corrections Officer at \$13.08/hour effective 8/23/2018; Marcy Hostetler – six month raise as Election Clerk from \$2,102.00/mo. to \$2,142.00/mo. effective 8/26/2018; Sharon Omstead – appointment as Interim Planning & Zoning Director from \$2,143.00/mo. to \$2,643.00/mo. effective 9/10/2018.

PAY PLAN UPDATE: Dr. Victoria McGrath and Malayna Halvorson Maes of McGrath Human Resources updated the Board on the progress with the study and presented the framework of the proposed new pay plan. No decisions were made.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Bud Druse presented bids for Dicamba:

Nutrien, Goddard	\$32.89/gallon = \$5,920.20
Van Diest, Abilene	\$33.94/gallon = \$6,109.20

Novak moved to accept the low bid from Nutrien in the amount of \$5,920.20. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.

PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Interim Dir. Sharon Omstead requested a variance on the setback requirement for a wastewater system on property located at 2856 Hwy K-15, Durham. Novak moved to approve the variance as requested, from 50' to 10' for property at 2856 Hwy K-15, Durham. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Supt. Jesse Hamm and Bridge/Culvert Supervisor James Olsen joined the session. Transport fuel bids were reviewed:

	Tank #3	Tank #1	Unleaded	Total
	4,500 gals.	1,000 gals.	2,500 gals.	
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.5957	2.3357	2.3331	\$19,849.10
Cooperative Grain, Hillsboro	2.5778	2.3200	2.3160	\$19,706.50

Novak moved to accept the low bid of \$19,706.50 from Cooperative Grain. Becker seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Hamm presented bids for bi-annual bridge inspections:

CFS Engineering, Topeka	\$22,800.00
BG Consultants, Manhattan	\$24,000.00
Kirkham Michael, Ellsworth	\$24,621.00

Novak moved to accept the low bid from CFS for \$22,800.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 2-0.

A salary sheet was signed for new Equipment Operator I Christopher Gibson at \$2,267.00/mo. effective 9/4/2018.

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ROAD & BRIDGE, CONTINUED: Hamm requested approval for chip sealing ½ mile for the City of Lehigh in 2018. The city would reimburse the cost of approximately \$5,838.00. The consensus of the Board was for Hamm to proceed.

Hamm announced that Office Manager Beverly Cooper plans to retire on December 20, 2018.

AMBULANCE: Comm. Dallke joined the session. Dir. Ed Debesis presented statistics and financial reports for the month of August.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment on various topics were offered by Tom Britain, Henry Etham, Patty Decker, and Yvonne Cushenbery.

POLICY REVIEW: Various county policies were discussed and slated for review. Session recessed until 1:00 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW: Novak moved to recess into executive session to conduct an employment interview for the Interim EMS Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for thirty minutes (from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.) with the Board and an applicant present with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action. The applicant left the session.

Novak moved to recess into executive session to discuss the applicants interviewed pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with just the Board present for 15 minutes (from 1:35 p.m. until 1:50 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Novak to recess into executive session to continue the discussion of applicants interviewed for the Interim EMS Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with just the Board present for 10 minutes (from 1:55 p.m. until 2:05 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Dallke to authorize the Chairman to make an offer of employment to an applicant and to call a special meeting for September 18th at 4:00 p.m. Novak seconded and motion carried 2-1. Becker opposed. It was noted that an offer of employment is conditional upon approval of the Medical Director.

Novak moved to recess into executive session to further discuss the applicants interviewed for the Interim EMS Director position pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for matters of non-elected personnel with just the Board present for two minutes (from 2:13 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.) with open session to resume in the Commission room following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Dallke to authorize the Chairman to make an offer of employment to an alternate candidate if necessary. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Novak moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Dianne R. Novak, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk