

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

February 20, 2019

Commission met in special session at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Kent Becker, Comm. Randy Dallke (by phone), and Comm. Dianne R. Novak present. Comm. Dallke arrived in person later in the session. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz. Others present included Randy Eitzen, Henry Ethem, Tom Britain, Carl Stovall, Robert Sellers, Jim Ratzloff, Glenn Litke, Staci Janzen, Collin Quiring, Chuck Seifert, Jeremy Loewen, Charlie Loewen, Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead, National Renewable Solutions representatives Jesse Hopkins-Hoel and Blake Johnson, Expedition Wind legal counsel Patricia Voth-Blankenship, and members of the press.

WIND ENERGY PROJECT MORATORIUM DISCUSSION: The possibility of implementing a moratorium on wind energy conversion system projects was discussed. It was noted that Marion County zoning regulations outline a process in which public hearings are held. Additional time can be requested to study issues even without implementing a moratorium. Several fact specific reasons for implementing a moratorium were discussed, including potential interference with communication (radio) signals, potential health risks, and potential agricultural and commerce related impacts.

After public comment, Jantz asked whether the project might be willing to delay submission of the conditional use permit application. Voth-Blankenship agreed to confer with her client and respond to Jantz as soon as possible. No decision was made.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT DISCUSSION: Jantz requested a 10 minute executive session for contract negotiation. Becker moved to recess into executive session for contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client business with the Board and Jantz present for 10 minutes (from 12:18 p.m. to 12:28 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 Becker to increase Jantz' monthly salary from \$2,400.00/month to \$3,500.00/month effective April 1, 2019 (the beginning of the new contract period). Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Jantz provided updates on several ongoing projects and answered general legal questions.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk