

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

March 25, 2019

Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the 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. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, Gene Winkler, Tom Britain, David Marsh, Cheri Marsh, Dina Vogel, Michelle Butts, Jonah Gehring, Henry Ethem, Linda Peters, Trayce Warner, Dave Crofoot, Herb Regier, Randy Eitzen, Amy Stutzman, Mary Crabb, Shawn Crabb, Robert Sellers, Charles Loewen, James Loewen, Ron Redman, Joel Suderman, Lisa Reeder, Jamie Shirley, Jessica Hajek, Cherry Miller, and members of the press.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Novak requested a correction to the minutes of March 18th. Approval was tabled. Novak moved to approve the minutes of March 20th as presented. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0.

- Change orders affecting 2018 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- An audit engagement letter for Varney and Associates was signed by Chr. Becker.
- Salary sheets were signed for Tom Holub – temporary Interim R&B Supt. from \$3,436.00/mo. to \$3,779.00 effective 3/22/2019 and Jason Creevan – temporary Assistant Interim R&B Supt. from \$2,830.00/mo. to \$3,113.00/mo. effective 3/22/2019.
- Dallke moved to approve pay estimate #2 for the transfer station project in the amount of \$58,042.85. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- After discussion, the County Clerk was instructed to move forward with video recording the commission meetings utilizing remote control until bids are received for more professional equipment.

Area fuel bids were reviewed:	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	<u>1,400 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>	<u>1,950 gals.</u>
Cooperative Grain, Hillsboro	2.1400 = \$2,996.00	2.2000 = \$4,290.00	2.1600 = \$4,212.00
Epp's Service, Elbing	2.1762 = \$3,046.68	2.3062 = \$4,497.09	2.1662 = \$4,224.09

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

Disaster Declaration: Emergency Management Director Randy Frank presented a disaster proclamation for damage that occurred to Centre School on March 13, 2019. Becker moved to approve the proclamation declaring a state of local disaster emergency for Marion County, Kansas from the March 13, 2019 storms. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.

NRES Survey: Matt Meyerhoff joined the session. A sample survey prepared by a student group for the NRES capstone project was reviewed. The Board had no objections to the survey. Dallke requested that user groups include lake patrons (specifically fisherman, boaters, and those who simply want to relax), trailer residents, residents, and the general public.

TRANSFER STATION: Dir. Bud Druse presented bids for tire cutting machines:

Eagle International Tuf Cut 20 hp gas motor	\$31,936.00
Eagle International Tuf Cut 23 hp diesel motor	\$37,143.00
Desco Model 2500 18 hp gas motor	\$35,893.00
Desco model 2906 30 hp gas motor	\$44,573.00
Northern Tool TSI TC-125 35 hp gas motor	\$59,999.99
Tire Service International TSA TC-125 43.5 hp diesel motor	\$52,339.00

After discussion, Druse was instructed to see if any county business owners would potentially utilize the County for tire disposal services. No decisions were made.

330TH REPAIR UPDATE: Darin Neufeld, EBH Engineering, reported that Bergkamp Construction will be replacing the damaged section of 330th and then crack sealing the entire eight mile stretch sometime in May.

ROAD ROCK DISCUSSION: Interim R&B Supt. Tom Holub and Asst. Interim R&B Supt. Jason Creevan joined the session. After discussion, Novak made a motion that Marion County only purchase KDOT approved materials for our rock roads. Becker seconded and motion carried 3-0. Each quarry will be notified and required to acknowledge their understanding. Additional verification testing may also be performed once the materials are on the road.

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HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION: After discussion, Dallke moved to renew health insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, keeping the same plan, and with employees at same contribution percentages. Motion died for lack of a second.

Becker moved to renew with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (Alternate #1) changing the structure of the drug card. Dallke seconded and motion carried 2-1. Novak opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Peters thanked Comm. Novak for working on the rock quality for the County.

- Michelle Butts raised several questions regarding the proposed wind project and the public hearing process, and expressed concern regarding a pre-existing lease on her property.
- David Marsh indicated that he had some information to share with the Commission regarding wind development, which he plans to email.
- Randy Eitzen commented about title searches, and mentioned that landowners don't always know if there is a lease attached to their property.

COMMISSION COMMENT: Comm. Novak presented another newspaper article about a wind project in Pretty Prairie that is expected to save \$56 million in taxes during their exemption period.

Novak moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
FOR MARION COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS on this 25 day of March, 2019, the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas, find that certain conditions caused, or eminently threatened to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Marion County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions created obstructions which endangered health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the border of Marion County, Kansas.

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2019 Marion County has received severe weather alerts to include Heavy Rains and Strong Winds with Extreme Wind Gusts, Southwest 35 to 45 mph with gusts up to 60 mph.

WHEREAS, the severe storms have moved across Marion County saturating the ground causing an immense amount of rain and high winds causing major damage to the Centre School.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas does hereby proclaim:

1. That pursuant to K.S.A. 46-932, that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists within Marion County, Kansas.
2. That the area within the borders of Marion County, Kansas covered by this proclamation is the entire area of Marion County, Kansas.
3. That the Board of County Commissioners shall have all of the rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.

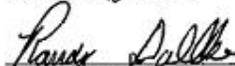
BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this disaster emergency declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas.

Proclaimed this 25 day of March, 2019.

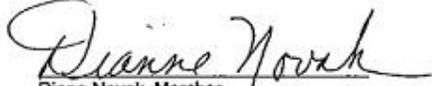
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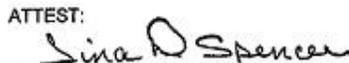
Kent Becker, Chairman



Randy Dalke, Member



Diane Novak, Member

ATTEST:


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