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 Marcy Hostetler, Tom Britain, Mary Crabb, Carl Stovall, Amy Stutzman, Henry Ethem, Tracylee Warner, Kade Warner, Jonah Gehring, Greg Bowers, Dave Crofoot, Larry Fine, Brice Goebel, Joel Suderman, Randy Eitzen, and members of the press.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Novak moved to approve the minutes of May 17th as written. Becker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- Dallke moved to approve the minutes of May 20th as written. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- Change orders affecting 2018 and prior years’ tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- A letter of support for Safehope, Inc. was reviewed and signed by the Board.
- The Board agreed to decline flood insurance on the Peabody Road & Bridge shop building. Chr. Becker signed a form to be sent to the County’s insurance provider indicating that choice.
- Novak questioned a charge on an attorney bill for the month of April. Spencer was directed to seek clarification.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Area fuel bids were reviewed:

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<td>Coop Grain, Hillsboro</td>
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<td>Epp’s Service, Elbing</td>
<td>1.950 gals.</td>
<td>2.1865 = $3,061.10</td>
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Becker moved to accept the bid from Cooperative Grain for area one in the amount of $2,966.60, area two in the amount of $4,346.55 and area three in the amount of $4,190.55. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.
- A road crossing permit for Moundridge Telephone to lay fiber and copper line under Alamo at 90th in Section 19-21S-1E was presented for Board approval. Dallke moved to approve the permit request. Novak seconded and motion carried 3-0. Session recessed, briefly.

**MARION COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2020 BUDGET ALLOCATION REQUEST:** Betty Richmond, Greg Bowers, Mark Voth, Matt Meyerhoff, and Lisa Suderman joined the session to request an allocation for 2020. The amount requested was $36,425.00 (which is an increase of $3,425.00 from the prior year). Meyerhoff and Suderman updated the Board on programs, applications and dollars provided. Richmond indicated that the increase in the budget allocation request was for operations. Becker moved to fund the 2020 request as presented. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**THE RESTORATION CENTER, INC. 2019 FUNDING REQUEST:** Joy Waldbauer provided information about the number of citizens served, and requested funding in the amount of $12,000.00 from special alcohol taxes for 2019. It was noted that through previous Commission action, Special Alcohol funds are being distributed to FACT for administration. Additional Board action is required to change the way future requests are handled. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz will be consulted. Just over $4,000.00 is still available in the Special Alcohol fund from the timeframe prior to the distributions being administered by FACT. After discussion, Novak moved to provide the amount currently in the special alcohol fund to the Restoration Center. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**TRANSFER STATION:** Dir. Bud Druse joined the session. Dallke indicated that a phone meeting about the transfer station project with Druse, Dallke and Kaw Valley Engineering about changing the way the project is situated on the property hit a snag due to existing high voltage power lines owned by the City of Marion. Dallke asked for another week to receive a cost estimate for relocating those power lines.
- Druse reported that a part-time employee is working more hours than expected, and is likely to exceed the 1,000 hour threshold allowed for part-time. Druse requested that the Board extend his allowed hours. After discussion, Druse was directed by the Board to advertise for an additional part-time person.
- Druse requested that the tire cutting machine be purchased fully from 2019 budgeted funds instead of entering a lease purchase agreement. The decision was tabled pending review of expenditures and cash balances.

**LEASE PURCHASE BIDS – TIRE CUTTING MACHINE:** Lease purchase bids for the tire-cutting machine were opened and reviewed for financing $31,936 over a three year period:

- Community National Bank: 3.95% with $100.00 loan fee annual payments of $11,503.24
- Cottonwood Valley Bank: 3.85% with $300.00 loan fee annual payments of $11,475.34
- Marion National Bank: 3.43% with $15.00 UCC fee annual payments of $11,383.81

Action on the bids was tabled, pending review of the 2019 transfer station budget, expenditures, and cash balances.
- The trash bins at the transfer station were discussed, with no decision.
PUBLIC COMMENT: Trayce Warner commented that the City of Florence also struggles with citizens putting trash in places it doesn’t belong, but it is a service to the people that should be provided. Warner also commented about the part-time employee at the transfer station.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: Becker moved to recess into executive session for contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b(1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board present (for 15 minutes from 10:50 a.m.) until 11:05 a.m. with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Becker to recess into executive session for contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b(1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board and Brice Goebel (for five minutes, from 11:10 a.m.) until 11:15 a.m. with open session to resume in Commission chambers following the closed session. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

ATTEST: ____________________________
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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Kent Becker, Chairman