July 31, 2019

Commission met for payday and other business 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 and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz. Present for portions of the meeting were Marcy Hostetler, Ashley Herpich, Henry Ethem, Tom Britain, and members of the press.

SALES TAX:  Sales tax for the month of May, 2019 has been received in the amount of $65,523.03.

PAYDAY:  A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. Mileage logs and the cumulative comp time report were reviewed. The warrant register was approved and signed for a payday figure of $1,218,156.34, including payroll at $512,101.69. Checks #48693-48958; voided checks #48849-48861.

ADMINISTRATIVE:  The Board received a memo from Register of Deeds Rebecca Wingfield notifying them that Deputy Register of Deeds Robin Taylor has resigned effective August 14th and the position is being advertised.

CO. COUNSELOR:  Co. Counselor Brad Jantz requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation. Becker moved to recess into executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client business with the Board and Jantz present (for thirty minutes from 9:20 a.m.) until 9:50 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 to discuss pending litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for attorney/client business with the Board and Jantz present (from 9:53 a.m.) until 10:00 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.

2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION:  Spencer presented a fund by fund review of the 2020 County budget with each fund figured at the same mill levy rate as 2019. The cash balances in the General Fund and the Employee Benefits fund were discussed. After reviewing each fund, Becker made a motion not to make the 7 mill transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund in 2019. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0.

When asked, the Board stated no objections to publishing the budget as presented with each fund at the same mill levy rate as 2019. Additional changes in individual funds (between line items) can still be made as long as there are sufficient cash balances in each fund to accommodate those line item changes.

Information about wage and benefit costs and options were also presented for Board review. If personnel numbers are changed within funds, the cash balances or other line items within the funds will be affected, but the overall expenditure totals and tax levy totals will not change.

Changes to allocations for various organizations can be made as part of the final process, as long as overall fund totals are not changed.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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Kent Becker, Chairman

ATTEST:  ___________________________________  Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk