CALL TO ORDER:
The Cole County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Eastern District Commissioner Jeff Hoelscher, Western District Commissioner Kris Scheperle, Auditor Kristen Berhorst, Sheriff John Wheeler, EMA Coordinator Bill Farr, Captain Aaron Bolinger, Health Department Director Kristi Campbell, Juvenile Court Administrator Michael Couty, Finance Debbie Malzner, Joe McLean (KMIZ-TV), IT Director Brian Ridenhour, EMS David Boyles, Road Superintendent Larry Bishop, EMA Coordinator Sierra Thomas, News Tribune Jeff Haldiman, Collector Larry Vincent, Recorder Judy Ridgeway, Counselor Jill LaHue, Deputy Clerk Lynne Reinkemeyer, present.

REPORT(S): December 2019 Treasurer's Reconciliation Report Filed
FEES: December 2019 Clerk Fees Filed
December 2019 Recorders Fees Filed

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

COMMISSION COMMENTS

BIDS & CONTRACTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION:
No action taken today on Accounts Payable Review.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2020 BUDGET:
Commissioner Bushman opened the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget for any comments and/or discussion. Commissioner Scheperle spoke and said he would like to provide a presentation and slide show why he does not support the 2020 Budget as presented and stated he would be voting no on the budget. After the presentation, Commissioners Bushman and Hoelscher and Sheriff Wheeler gave their thoughts and discussed some of the information Scheperle provided. Commissioner Bushman closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION:
Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Recorder of Deeds for funding two part-time employees. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

MOTION:
Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the
Prosecuting Attorney Delinquent Tax Fund for the Administrative Handling Cost Fund for the purpose of funding one full-time employee. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**
Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sheriff’s Revolving Fund for the purpose of funding one full-time employee and personal salary and benefits for another full-time employee in the Sheriff’s Office for assignment for processing conceal and carry permits. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**
Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Centurylink to provide increased high speed internet services for the Circuit Court. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**
Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to approve and sign the Court Order whereas the Cole County Commission is advised that the budget for the year 2020 has been prepared and adopted and made available for public inspection in accordance with County Budget Law and that a public hearing was held on the 7th day of January 2020. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**
Commissioner Bushman read correspondence dated January 7, 2020 addressed to Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding Cole County's final 2020 Budget (in the amount of $88,885,359.00).

**MOTION:**
Commissioner Hoelscher made a motion to approve the Final 2020 Budget (in the amount of $88,885,359.00). Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (No).

**MOTION:**
Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to approve and sign the credit application with Heartland Services (for Sheriff & EMS Departments). Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**
Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to approve the Write-Off Authority, Collections and Financial Hardship Policy and Procedures for Cole County Emergency Management Services (EMS). Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

9. OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THIS DAY

Commissioner Bushman received correspondence dated January 2, 2020 from the Missouri Department of Conservation regarding a County Briefing listing details for Cole County on select Department services provided.

Commissioner Bushman stated the JC Cosmopolitan Club has their 57th Annual Pancake Day at the Selinger Centre on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

**EMA Coordinator Bill Farr introduced his successor, Sierra Thomas,** who began employment with Cole County on January 1, 2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commission will stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.