

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

March 16, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 8:30 AM.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Fowler.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Brown.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve invoices in the amount of - \$336,272.56 and \$17,498.34 as presented by the County Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fowler.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to approve the minutes of March 5th and March 9th, 2009 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

NEWKIRK, DENNIS AND BUCKLES – INSURANCE AUDIT:

Doug Buckles representing Newkirk, Dennis and Buckles Agency met with the Board and presented a premium adjustment check for \$7,134.00 for General Liability and \$4,939.00 for Workman's Compensation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to recess to Executive Session at 9:05 AM to return at 9:10 AM to discuss non-elected personnel with Jim Miller present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler – Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

Returned to session at 9:10 AM with no action taken and no decisions made.

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT – MAINTENANCE ON RVI SYSTEM:

Computer Department Director Ken Collins met with the Board to discuss the maintenance contract on the RVI System in the amount of \$4,500.00. This amount was not budgeted in the Computer Department Budget for 2009. The Board agreed to pay the maintenance fee from the General Operating Fund and it will be budgeted in the Computer Department Budget for 2010.

Executive Session:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to recess to Executive Session at 8:56 AM to return at 9:01 AM to discuss non-elected personnel with Ken Collins present.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

Returned to session at 9:01 AM with no action taken and no decisions made.

COUNTY APPRAISER:

County Appraiser LeRoy Burk met with the Board and discussed the gas storage HB 2378. He advised the Board there will be a meeting in Topeka on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 9:00 AM. He is planning on attending this meeting.

He recommended a mediation meeting on the fertilizer plant in May, dates available would be May 26 thru 29, or June 1st thru 5th. No definite date was set at this time.

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Robert Dierks met with the Board with Under Sheriff Troy Mackie also present. They presented a request to the Board for approval for the purchase of a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from Quality Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$24,362.22. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to approve the purchase of a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from Quality Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$24,362.22 to be debited from County General Capital Outlay Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

Discussion: Commissioner McManus asked Sheriff Dierks where this vehicle would be used in the fleet. The new vehicle would be used for transport with the present transport vehicle going to be used on road patrol.

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

RES. NO. 09-46

SHERIFF (Continued):

A request was made to the Board for approval to obtain bids on a Sport Utility Vehicle for the Detective Division and put the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria on patrol. The proposal for paying for this vehicle is as follows:

1. Trade in 1998 Ford PU	\$ 4,500
2. Refund on deductible from 2005 Ford Crown Vic	\$ 1,000
Insurance check from 2005 Ford Crown Vic	\$ 6,513
Total amount available	\$12,013

The Board approved the request to obtain bids on a Sport Utility Vehicle for the Sheriff's Department as requested.

COUNTY HEALTH – GRANT APPLICATION:

County Health Coordinator Ruth Bardwell presented an update on grants awarded to the County Health Department totaling \$94,487.00. She also presented a grant application to the Board for signature of the Chairman. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application on behalf of Montgomery County as presented by Montgomery County Health for AIDS Counseling & Testing; Maternal & Child Health; Child Care Licensing; and Immunization Action Plan in the total amount of \$105,228.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

RES. NO. 09-47

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Robert Bever met with the Board to present the weekly written report. The following items were discussed:

1. Copier Bid –
Copy Products, Inc., Iola, Kansas \$5,495
Digital Connections, Coffeyville, Kansas \$4,995
Service Office Supply, Coffeyville, Kansas \$9,749

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to accept the low bid from Digital Connections, Coffeyville, Kansas in the amount of \$4,995.00 for a copier for the Public Works Department. Debit Public Works Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

RES. NO. 09-48

2. Copy of Corrugated Metal Pipe bid from earlier this week –
3. Memo regarding cancellation of NRCS Project #137 –
4. Thank you from Paul Hurley on road work –
5. Memo regarding March employee training –
6. Major Bridge Replacement Status –
7. Request consideration on re-calculating sewer rate on Martin and Althea Nelms for Sewer District No. 2 –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to authorize the re-calculating of the sewer rate for Martin and Althea Nelms, customers on Sewer District No. 2. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

Recess at 10:20 AM

Returned at 10:25 AM

FOUR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH – UPDATE ON STATE FUNDING:

Four County Mental Health Director Ron Denney met with the Board with an update on State funding and the action that may be taken by the State on the liquor tax distributed to the counties. Presently about 60,000 is received from the four counties contributing. Mr. Denney complimented the cooperation in working with the Montgomery County Sheriff's new administration.

JUDGE GOSSARD – CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES:

Judge Gossard and Mary Kadel met with the Board to request purchasing a digital copier for the Coffeyville Court Service Office at a price of \$3,843.00 and an office chair for the District Clerk's Office at a price of \$300.00. The Board approved the purchase of the chair from Service Office Supply to be paid from County General Capital Outlay Fund and bids to be received on the copier through the County bidding process.

FLEX PLAN PRESENTATIONS:

1. Colonial Life – Virginia Havener and Ed Rawlinson
2. American Fidelity – Bob Fleet
3. AFLAC – Bill Teichgraeber

Each of the companies provided information on the plans available through their company and literature on these plans. The Board will study the information available from the presentation. Also present at the Chairman's request was Interim HR Director Kathy Sutton and former HR Director Liz Schwatken.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 Noon.
Returned at 1:15 PM.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD DISCUSSION:

The Board discussed the proposal presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield at the March 9th meeting. The Chairman requested former HR Director Liz Schwatken to prepare information on our present policy costs and benefits and alternative plans offered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield with changes in benefits and how the change would affect the savings to the county. (Ms. Schwatken returned at the request of the Chairman and with the approval of Sheriff Dierks to provide information on the county insurance plan.)

After discussing the information provided by Ms. Schwatken which shows the increase for the present coverage plan will be 4.5% and if a change is made to the plan with a 50/50 shared pay plan with \$750/1500 out-of-pocket; \$15/30/45 Drug Card; and 50% dental with Advance Life Insurance the decrease over the current rate will be 7.5%.

After discussion on maintaining our present plan or going with Option #2 with less coverage and a higher deductible, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to renew the Montgomery County Employee Health Coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas at an increase to the County of 4.5% with one-half of the 4.5% increase on each premium to be absorbed by the County and one-half of the 4.5% increase to be paid by the employee. The new rate to be paid by employee will be: Single Coverage - \$35.00 per month; Employee/Spouse - \$68.00 per month; Employee/Children - \$81.00 per month and Family - \$103.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

RES. NO. 09-49

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Flex Plan –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve and keep the AFLAC Flex Plan Program for the year April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 in force through the payroll system at no cost to the county. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fowler.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

RES. NO. 09-50

A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve and keep the AFLAC Flex Plan Program for the year April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 in force through the payroll system at no cost to the county. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fowler.

2. Addition to Procurement Procedures adopted on March 9th –

The County Clerk asked for verification on the addition to the recently adopted Procurement Procedures for emergency circumstances. County Counselor will be consulted on the wording to cover state/county declared emergency purchases.

3. Letter to DOC regarding grievance action –

The Board requested the County Clerk write a letter for the Board in response to questions by Department of Corrections Administrator Jerry Gilbert. This letter was prepared and approved at this meeting. Letter is on file in Human Resources.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:15 PM

ACTION: *Motion by Commissioner Fowler seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Fowler - Yes
Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes*

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS**

TONY FOWLER, Chairman

FRED BROWN, Member

LARRY MCMANUS, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk