

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

March 22, 2010

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 9:00 AM.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Fowler.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Brown.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve invoices in the amount of - \$21,757.34 as presented by the County Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of March 15, 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*

DISCUSSION ON TAXPAYERS MEETING AT DEARING:

Commissioner Brown asked if there could be a report on the meeting at Dearing on Friday, March 19th. Greg Lower, Independence Reporter gave his interpretation of the meeting, Commissioner Fowler and the County Clerk had some input on their presentations at the meeting and Andy Taylor, County Chronicle also was present and was asked some questions about the meeting.

COUNTY APPRAISER:

County Appraiser LeRoy Burk presented requests for two (2) promotions in his department with approximately and 8% increase in salary. These requests were approved for the promotion but the increases in salaries were denied. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to deny the request for salary increases as presented by the County Appraiser for two (2) employees in the County Appraiser's Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

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PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Requested permission to seek bids for asphalt work for the 2010 Asphalt Session – **Approved by the Board.**
2. Reported on 2010 Dust Control letters starting April 5, 2010 and requesting all payments be returned with request by May 3, 2010 for dust control to begin May 7th if weather permitting.
3. Building Maintenance – Will be sending out bids for the window replacement in the courthouse as a part of the grant received through the Department of Energy's EECBG Grant.
4. Report on storm over the weekend and snow removal. Commissioner Fowler inquired about a vehicle that was stranded on Peter Pan Road and he received a call on the incident. This question was addressed to Sheriff Dierks and Mr. Bever and in checking the records the Sheriff found his office did not receive a dispatch on this incident. Mr. Bever also stated they had not been notified of the problem.

MAX WILLIAMS – VALUATION INCREASE ON RESIDENCE IN COFFEYVILLE:

Mr. Max Williams, a resident of Coffeyville and property owner, met with the Board with his concern on the increased valuation on his home in the amount of \$20,000. He is questioning the reason for the increase as he has no changes in the structures or additions.

Mr. Williams will contact the County Appraiser with his concerns.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH:

County Health Coordinator Ruth Bardwell met with the Board with the following requests:

1. Day Care Surveyor Position – This position is open and Mrs. Bardwell advised the Board the position does not require a nursing degree. Her department has a secretary with good qualifications and will take the job at a lesser salary than if a nurse fills the position. She requests promoting this employee to the Day Care Surveyor Position. The part-time jail nurse is retiring and Ms. Bardwell is not requesting to replace this position at this time but does want to leave the position open in the event it is required at a later date. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to approve the following: The part-time jail nurses position be left open at the present time and a present employee of the Montgomery County Health Department be promoted to Day Care Surveyor Position at a beginning salary of \$12.50 per hour and upon completion of probation be increased to \$12.50 per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

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The Board also approved advertising for the secretarial position for this department at \$9.75 per hour.

COUNTY HEALTH (Continued):

2. Requested purchasing a SUV or van for the department from Montgomery County Health Capital Outlay Fund. The Board approved the soliciting of bids for the vehicle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to recess to Executive Session at 10:30 AM to return at 10:45 AM with the Board and County Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

Returned to session at 10:45 AM stating no action taken and no decisions made.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you letter from Caney After Prom Committee –
2. Information outlining the Kansas district courts closure date as being April 9, 16, 23 and May 7, 2010 –

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Copies of Montgomery County Policy and Procedure for Bid Requests provided by the County Clerk for the Board's information –
2. Copies of the completed study requested by the University of Oklahoma Department of Political Science presented to the Board by the County Clerk –
3. Ballot Machine Room Space – The Board approved a lock being placed on the small room next to Human Resources for security purpose for the Election Ballot Counting Machine as requested by the County Election Officer.
4. Amendment of Montgomery County Resolution 10-49 to correct bid awarding and final total amount to be expended for building material by County Building Fund. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to amend Montgomery County Resolution No. 10-49 to read: "to award the bid for the building metal at the county landfill to Woods Lumber Company, Independence, Kansas in the amount of \$10,991.10 (after discount the total will be \$10,771.28). Debit County Building Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

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5. Requested the County Clerk as follows:
 - a. Budget reports with expenditures for years 2006 through 2009 –
 - b. Compile a report on utility and telephone vendors –
 - c. Request and set meeting with CPA Larry Wright for a date as soon as possible for discussion before budget meetings begin -

ADJOURNMENT: 11:20 AM

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

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

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TONY FOWLER, Chairman

FRED BROWN, Member

LARRY McMANUS, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk