

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

August 19, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner McManus.

INVOCATION: Reverend Daniel Knight, The Bible Baptist Church, Coffeyville

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 Bever.*

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve invoices in the amount of - \$532,571.88 as presented by the County Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 as presented by the County Clerk with an amendment to Public Works following the Executive Session on Acquisition of Property and returning to session, to read: "following discussion the motion was made by Commissioner Bever and seconded by Commissioner to Brown to direct the Public Works Coordinator to submit the request to the County Counselor to proceed with acquisition of the two remaining parcels by Eminent Domain for the project at the interstion of CR 3400 and CR 3900 (Tucker Corner). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever, with the Board unanimously voting yes.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO. 19-100

MOWING CREW – EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION:

Mowing Crew Supervisor Henry Schmidt met with the Board to discuss purchasing two (2) new lawnmowers for the inmate crew that mows the cemeteries that are the responsibility of the County and other designated areas for the County requiring regular mowing during the summer months.

He presented information on the condition of the existing mowers and the hours they have on them from mowing the last four (4) years. He presented quotes for mowers and advised the Board the cost of Kubota Mower priced at just over \$4,500 each and John Deere mowers priced at approximately \$6,000 each, were considerably more and only the smaller mower will work for them at the cemeteries when mowing carefully

MOWING CREW REPLACEMENT OF MOWERS (Continued):

around the stones. He also said the zero turn mowers are not good for the help on the crew due to not having any experience with the zero turn.

The present mowers are Snapper Brand and the quote was for \$2,426.00 each. By keeping the existing Snapper mowers for parts, Mr. Schmidt explained this would save considerably repair costs when needed. Following the discussion, the following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of two (2) Snapper Mowers from Carter's Automotive, Coffeyville in the amount of \$2,426.00 each to be paid from General Operating funds received for maintenance of county owned property. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner Bever- Yes

RES. NO. 19-101

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACTION COUNCIL – TRISHA PURDON:

Montgomery County Action Council Director Trisha Purdon presented an Incentive Summary for Parmac, LLC. The incentive would be a total for Montgomery County not to exceed \$18,500. An agreement was not signed at this time but the following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commission Bever to approve the incentive for Parmac, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$18,500 with the stipulation this amount would be repaid if the company leaves within the next five (5) years with July 1, 2019 as a start date. The action will be finalized upon an agreement being made following it being reviewed and approved by Montgomery County Counselor Paul Kritz. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner Bever- Yes

RES. NO. 19-102

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Employee Change of Status for a new hire approved –
2. Report for July for Road and Bridge –
3. Chemical Sales report for July for Noxious Weed –
4. Introduced Mr. Brandon Beurskens as the new Assistant Public Works Coordinator –
5. Jeff Phelps met with the Board to discuss the replacement of air conditioning unit for the large courtroom in Coffeyville and presented a bid list for the unit. Bids were as follows:

Liebert Brothers Electric Co., Coffeyville	\$12,410.50
Hartley Sheet Metal Co., Inc., Coffeyville	\$12,430.00
Independence Heating and Air, Inc., Independence	\$14,550.00

Recommendation was for Liebert Bros Electric, Coffeyville with the low bid of \$12,410.50.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and accept the low bid for a Carrier 10-ton w/heat pump (Installed) from Liebert Brothers Electric Co., Coffeyville, KS for the Coffeyville Courthouse 3rd Floor (Large Courtroom). The County General Operating Fund will pay 1/2 of the cost and Unified Court Budget will pay 1/2 of the cost. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner Bever- Yes

RES. NO. 19-103

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Abatements in the amount of \$105,427.78 approved –
2. Discussion regarding Tourism Guest Tax – Statutes will be sent to County Counsellor for opinion on establishing a committee –
3. Mr. Donnie Collier and Mr. Doug Harlin appeared before the Board again to request funding in the amount of \$10,000 and to provide the Board with information requested at the last meeting. Mr. Collier stated there are 2600 veterans in Montgomery County and his project is to also help widows and dependents of veterans obtain unclaimed benefits. No decisions were made at this time and no action taken. Commissioner Bever asked for more information and then to return to the Board.
4. Executive Session – Emergency Management Director Rick Whitson –
ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to recess to Executive Session at 9:45 AM to return at 9:55 AM with the Board and Mr. Whitson present to discuss Job Status of a non-elected employee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 9:55 AM stating no decisions made. Discussion followed the session.

Mr. Whitson presented an employee Status Change for Mr. Lee Miller as a full-time employee in the Emergency Management Department at an hourly rate of \$15.00 effective August 6, 2019. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Employee Status Change for Mr. Lee Miller to become a full-time employee in the Emergency Management Department effective August 6, 2019 with an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 19-104

5. Correction to August 5th minutes correcting chemicals sales to be awarded to Van Diest, Lousborg, Ks in the amount of \$36,546.68.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to correct the awarding of the sale of chemicals in Resolution No. 19-097 to Van Diest, Lonsborg, KS in the amount of \$36,546.68. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 19-105

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 AM

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

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

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

LARRY McMANUS, Chairman

FRED BROWN, Member

ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk