

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

September 9, 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 Renita Butler, The Friends Evangelical Church, Independence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the agenda as presented. 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 - \$127,803.87 Prepays, \$482,049.81 (End of Month) and other prepays (\$251,526.55) 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 Bever to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – PURCHASE OF VAN FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR SECURITY MATTERS:

Acting Sheriff Richard George, Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken and Nick Wood met with the Board to request approval to receive bids or quotes on a van to be used for the transportation of prisoners. The request was approved and they will return to the Board with the information.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (Continued):

A request was made for an executive session to discuss matters concerning safety. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to recess to Executive Session at 9:20 AM to return at 9:35 AM with the Board, Acting Sheriff Richard George and Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken to discuss matters concerning security. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

Returned to session at 9:35 AM with a motion by Commissioner McManus and seconded by Commissioner Brown with Commissioner Bever voting yes to extend the session until 9:50 AM and include Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright, Maintenance Superintendent Jeff Phelps and Lt. Nick Wood.

Returned to session at 9:47 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Discussion regarding personnel for Building Maintenance –
2. Discussion regarding personnel for Special Bridge –
Mr. Wright requested transfer of one position to Special Bridge from Road and Bridge Crew and hire two new employees also for Special Bridge. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the transfer of one (1) employee from Road and Bridge Crew to Special Bridge and hire two (2) new employees also for the Special Bridge Crew. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 19-109

3. Petition for road vacation approved to be sent to Zoning for approval –
4. Approved Draft on Standards for Roadway Design –
5. Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps met with the Board to report on the ADA required work on some County property and a portion of the sidewalk (North of Judicial Center). The City of Independence will do the work at a cost of \$9,185.70. Mr. Phelps requested approval for this work to be done by the City of Independence at this cost. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the ADA required work on some county property and a portion of the sidewalk north of the Judicial Center an the work be done by the City of Independence at a cost of \$9,185.70 to be debited from General Operating Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES NO. 19-110

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Acquisition of real estate –
ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 10:10 AM to return at 10:15 AM with the Board and Public Works Coordinator present for the purpose of discussing the Acquisition of Real Estate Property. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

Returned to session at 10:13 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

7. Mr. Wright request a work session following the next regular meeting and this request was approved.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FINANCIAL MATTERS AND TRADE SECRETS:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 10:12 AM to return at 10:27 AM with the Board and Montgomery County Action Council Director Trisha Purdun present for the purpose of discussing Finalcial Matters and Trade Secrets. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

Returned to session at 10:25 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTHEAST KANSAS UPDATE:

Mr. Griffin Walker and Ms Ashley Tatman met with the Board to present information on the function of the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Kansas and located in Coffeyville. They provide services to 250 children, 157 Coffeyville residents and 3 Independence residents.

These services include meals, recreation and providing learning skills to the children. They said their reason for the presentation to the Board was to better acquaint the Board and Montgomery County citizens with the services and function of the Club. The Board thanked them for the information.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING – REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY PLAT OF CEDAR BROOK SUBDIVISION:

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Scott Barnhart met with the Board to present the final plat of Cedar Brook Subdivision. Those also attending the meeting were Mr. Mike Ewy and Mr. Jeff Stewart representing Community State Bank.

Mr. Barnhart presented a letter explaining the procedure for the approveal of the preliminary plat and the action that was previously taken by the Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Board. He explained the Planning Board’s recommendation is being presented and the Board of County Commissioners have the decision to make on their recommendation at this time. Copies of the plat were presented to the Board and the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the plat for Cedar Brrok Subdivision as approved and recommended by the Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 19-111

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Register of Deeds Report for August –
2. Emergency Management requested Executive Session –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to recess to Executive Session at 10:50 AM to return at 11:05 AM with the Board and Emergency Manager present to discuss the job status of a non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 11:02 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:17 AM

ACTION: *Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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LARRY McMANUS, Chairman

FRED BROWN, Member

ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk