

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

January 13, 2020

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: 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 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 - \$474,061.32 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 January 6, 2020 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 TREASURER NANCY CLUBINE – TAX SALE:

County Treasurer Nancy Clubine presented a resolution to be approved by the Board to begin the process for judicial foreclosure and sale of real estate sold and bid in by the county at any delinquent ad valorem property tax sale. The following action was taken:

WHEREAS, Chapter 79, Article 28 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated provides the process for judicial foreclosure and sale of real estate sold and bid in by the county at any delinquent ad valorem property tax sale; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 79-2801 requires the Board of County Commissioners to order the county counselor to institute an action for the foreclosure and sale of such real estate..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas, that the county counselor institute an action in district court for the foreclosure and sale of all eligible real estate sold and bid in by the county for delinquent ad valorem property taxes, all as provided by law.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY TREASURER – TAX SALE (Continued):

Motion by Commissioner Bever and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

DATED this 13th day of January, 2020.

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

RES. NO. 20-005

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RUAL FIRE #1 – RICK WHITSON – RURAL FIRE DISCUSSION:

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson presented a petition to the Board for reorganization of Fire District signed by the members of the Montgomery County Rural Fire District No. 1 Board. This reorganization states the Montgomery County Fire District Chief shall function as the department head over the District and shall have authority over all administrative and operational functions of the Fire District. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to accept the petition by the Montgomery County Rural Fire Board Members to rewrite the by-laws for the Fire District which will include the following:*

“The Montgomery County Fire District Chief shall function as the department head over the District and shall have authority over all administrative and operational functions of the Fire District, including but not limited to representing the Fire District on all matters before the Montgomery County Commission. The Montgomery County Fire Board shall function as an advisory board to the District Chief.”

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO. 20-006

Mr. Whitson and Mr. Miller presented information on Thermal Imaging Cameras and request approval to purchase seven (7) for the Montgomery County Rural Fire Department. Information was given to the Board on vendors and prices. The lowest price is \$495.00 from Thermal Imager Plaza. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of seven (7) Thermal Imaging Cameras from Thermal Imager Plaza at a cost of \$495.00 each for a total of \$3,465.00 to be debited from Montgomery County Rural Fire District No. 1 Special Equipment Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 20-007

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE BID REQUEST:

Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department Lt. Nick Wood and Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken met with the Board to request permission to obtain bids on one (1) vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department and one (1) vehicle for the Department of Corrections. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the request by the Sheriff’s Department to obtain bids for one (1) vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department and one (1) vehicle for Department of Corrections. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright met with the Board to discuss a contract for the classification and compensation study the Steering Committee has been working on.

Mr. Wright introduced Mr. Phil Hayes of The Arnold Group to present the proposal and answer any questions the Board would have. The cost of the study has been quoted as \$35,000.00. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to proceed The Arnold Group to compile the study for classification and compensation of positions within the Montgomery County Offices.*

The motion died for lack of a second and will be reviewed and discussed by the Board at the next regular meeting.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2020:

The first item on the agenda for the Reorganization was the **election of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners**. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to elect Commissioner Larry McManus as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 20-008

Appointment of County Newspaper currently Independence Daily Reporter with the rotation to go to Montgomery County Chronicle. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to appoint the Montgomery County Chronicle Newspaper as the official Montgomery Paper for 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 20-009

Approval of Holidays – The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 20-010

Waiver of GAAP for 2020 – The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the GAAP (Governmental Accounting Procedures) for Montgomery County for the year 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 20-011

Invocation Schedule – The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Invocation Schedule for 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 20-012

REORGANIZATION (Continued):

Appointments – The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the following appointments:

1. County Coroner – Dr. James Christensen, District Coroner
Deputy Coroner Darren Hamlin
Deputy Coroner Rick Whitson
2. County Counselor – Attorney Paul Kritz
3. County In-House Auditor – Mr. Laverne Strecker

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-013

Appointment of County Commissioner to represent Montgomery County on various boards – The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to appoint a member of the Board to each of the following agencies:

1. Commissioner McManus - SEK Regional Planning Board
2. Commissioner Brown – Solid Waste Committee
3. Commissioner McManus – Juvenile Detention Board in Girard
4. Commissioner Brown – LEPC
5. Commissioner Bever – RCND
6. Commissioner Brown – Council on Aging
7. Appoint all three Commissioners to the Montgomery County Economic Development Committee.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 20-014

Personal Day for employees – The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to give a Personal Day to each employee to be used within the year but cannot carry it over to the next year.

The motion died for lack of a second.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING – VEHICLE BID RECOMMENDATION:

Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator Matt Debo present the bids for a vehicle (truck) for the department. Bids were as follows:

Mike Carpino Ford, Columbus, KS	2020 Ford F-150	\$32,811.00
Quality Motors, Independence, KS	2019 Dodge Ram	\$29,300.-00
	2019 Ford F150	\$32,098.44
Quality Toyota, Independence, KS	2020 Tundra	\$34,829.00
	2020 Tundra	\$38,057.00
	2020 Tacoma	\$36,855.00
	2020 Tacoma	\$36,099.00

The recommendation to the Board is to purchase the 2020 Ford F-150 from Mike Carpino Ford, Columbus, KS in the amount of \$32,811.00. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of the 2020 Ford F-150 Truck in the amount of \$32,811.00 for the Environmental Health/Zoning Department. Debit General Operating Capital Outlay. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-015

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING (Continued):

Mr. Debo presented to members to be reappointed for the Planning Commission; Mr. Cody Hensley and Mr. Rex Reardon. The following action was taken -

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the appointments of Mr. Cody Hensley and Mr. Rex Reardon to 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. 20-016

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) :

Mr. Doug Harlin and Mr. Donnie Collier representing the Independence Veterans of Foreign Wars Organization to request \$10,000.00 to be used for assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits due to them. They are calling it “an investment in our county’s veterans”. After discussion and questions by the Board, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve \$10,000.00 to be designated from the 2020 County Budget to be paid the the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Independence Division) to be used in assisting veterans and their families to obtain their benefits. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner Bever - No*

RES. NO. 20-017

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1, Register of Deeds – December 2019 Report -

2. Letter from Danny Scott, President Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation, Inc. to Commissioner Bever -

3. Record Retention and destruction of Election Records, Fixed Asset Sheets, Inventory Reports, Motor Vehicle Abstracts, Certificates of Value and Changes after Certification records. Request for approval for the destruction of these records as per Statute. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the destruction of the following records: Election Records, Fixed Asset Sheets, Inventory Reports, Motor Vehicle Abstracts, Certificates of Value and Changes after Certification records. Request for approval for the destruction of these records as per Statute. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 20-018

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 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
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

LARRY McMANUS, Chairman

FRED BROWN, Member

ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk