

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

**SPECIAL MEETINGS
9:30 am AND 11:00 am**

March 25, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 9:30 AM.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner McManus.

Mr. Rick Whitson, Emergency Manager for Montgomery County presided over the meeting. Those in attendance were members of the Coffeyville City Commission Tracy Maxson, Robert York and Justin Doane, Coffeyville City Manager Mark Hall, Cherryvale City Administrator Jonathon Bood, Caney City Administrator Fred Gress, Independence City Commission Louis Ysusi, Leonard Caflish, Independence City Clerk David Schwenker, Montgomery County Health Department Director Carolyn Muller, Independence City Safety David Cowen. Montgomery County Action Council Trisha Purdon, and Independence Chamber of Commerce Lisa Wilson, Montgomery County GIS Department Anne Miller and Jennifer Meredith and Assistant Emergency Manager Lee Miller. Also in attendance was the media.

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson gave a presentation on the COVID-19 outbreak with statistics from other states and counties. He gave information on resources needed by hospitals and medical facilities and how they will be covering the testing and obtaining results for residents of the county.

A question and answer session brought several questions and answers on matters concerning not only on treatment but also on how to avoid coming in contact with the virus and steps everyone should follow to avoid spreading of the virus. Quarantine questions were answered by County Health Director Carolyn Muller.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 10:45 to be followed at 11:00 AM by a meeting with the Montgomery County Department Heads.

The Chairman returned to meeting at 11:00 AM with Department Heads:

Items that were discussed with the Department Heads were:

1. Tracking of expenses for the COVID-19 by each individual department.
2. Discussed quarantine of employees if an employee is exposed to the virus or has traveled in "hot spots" with cases of the confirmed virus.
3. Gatherings of groups of people should be limited to no more than 50 but a more safe number is 10.
4. The impact of what is taking place financially in 2020 and how it will affect the 2021 budget funding.
 - a. How will delinquent taxes increase which no one can even estimate at this time.
 - b. Stressed the necessity of as much carryover by less spending. The unused 2020 funds will help fund the 2021 budget year.
5. The Board answer questions from the department representatives.
6. The County Website will be daily updated and will include the updates from Emergency Management and other links to the COVID-19 information sites.
7. A question was asked about the threshold (number of cases) within Montgomery County before issuance of orders for closing of the courthouse or closing only to the public. It was not determined at this time.

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson and Assistant Emergency Manager were in attendance to assist in answering questions.

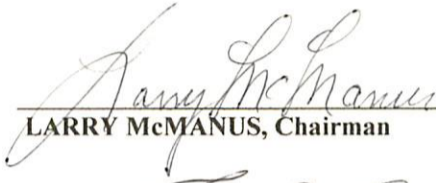
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ADJOURNMENT: 12:15 PM

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

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

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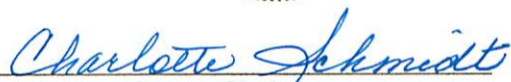

LARRY McMANUS, Chairman


FRED BROWN, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member



ATTEST:


County Clerk