

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

September 28, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners, two members and the County Clerk present, met in work session at 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Commissioner Brown served as Acting Chairman. Commissioner McManus was absent due to illness.

The Acting Chairman closed the work session at 9:00 AM and opened the regular meeting.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Brown.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Renita Butler, The Friends Evangelical Church, Independence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Bever.

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

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

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$100,844.08 (Prepays) and \$1,091,045.24 (Includes end-of-month and SPARK Funding) as presented by the County Clerk. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:05 AM to return at 9:15 AM with the Board and County Clerk present to discuss the Job Status of non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

Returned to session at 9:15 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNTY APPRAISER – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:17 AM to return at 9:27 AM with the Board and County Appraiser present to discuss the job status of a non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

Returned to session at 9:27 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

1. Discussion regarding Bridge Cost Share Program – The Board instructed to go forward on one (Bridge #67 on CR 3300) and to reapply for additional funding.
2. Tree removal discussion – Mr. Colby Flatt and Mr. John Gillman were present to express their concern for removal of trees and fencing on private land. They do not approve of spending taxpayer's money on the removal of the trees.

Commissioner Bever discussed the process for removing the trees from the right-of-way to solve drainage problems and having approval by the landowner to stack the brush from the removal of the trees on their land to dispose of it.

The discussion was tabled until Commissioner McManus can return.

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**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – DISPATCH RELOCATION:**

Sheriff Ron Wade, Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken, and Lt. Nick Wood attend the meeting to discuss estimated expenses for moving the dispatch back to the Sheriff's Office. An estimate of \$80,000.00 was provided for necessary structural work and moving the equipment back to the Sheriff's Department. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the relocation of the dispatch center to move back to the Sheriff's Department at the Independence Office and to approve the remodeling and upgrade of equipment to be funded from the Montgomery County Capital Outlay Fund from the 2020 and 2021 budgets in the total amount of \$80,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 20-143

A request for the approval to purchase body cameras from the Special Vin Funds was presented to the Board. The total cost will be paid over five (5) years and the total cost will be \$69,501.58. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of 16 Body Cameras for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department from AXON Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona. The purchase will be paid over a five (5) year agreement in the total amount of \$69,501.58 from the Special Vin Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 20-144

**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Agreement between Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Montgomery for Coronavirus Relief Fund requiring the approval of the Board and signature of the Chairman. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the agreement between Montgomery County and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management for the Coronavirus Relief Funding through the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) funds and authorizing the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

*RES. NO. 20-145*

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**ADJOURNMENT: 10:02 AM**

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

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

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**ROBERT BEVER, Member**



  
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**County Clerk**

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*Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

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*Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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