

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

December 13, 2021

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Bever.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Melvin Simpson , The 1<sup>st</sup> Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner McManus.

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes  
Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve invoices in the amounts of \$201,380.63, 286,457.93 and \$157,347.92 as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes  
Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of December 6, , 2021 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACTION COUNCIL – REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS:**

Ms. Laura Keller, representing Montgomery County Action Council met with the Board to request approval for the County Counselor to review documents on CDBG Loans. The cost would be \$300.00 or less to the County by the County Counselor's Office. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Montgomery County Counselor to review CDBG Loan documents for loans through Montgomery County Action*

**SHERIFF RON WADE – REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS:**

Administrative Assistant Liz Schwa ken and Captain Mike Grimes met with the Board to present a request to purchase 24 bulletproof vests for the Sheriff's Department and 8 vests for the Department of Corrections. The total cost of the vests will be \$34,295.00.

Information was provided by Ms. Schwa ken on Bureau of Justice Assistance on the Bulletproof Vest Grant Award. The amount of \$13,260.00 will be provided by the program with a balance of \$15,776.28 to be paid from the Sheriff's Capital Outlay Funds for 2021 and \$5,253.72 from Department of Corrections. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request for the purchase of 32 bulletproof vests for the Sheriff's Department and Department of Corrections. The funds will be \$13,260.00 from the Bulletproof Vest Grant Award and 21,035.00 from Sheriff's and Department of Corrections 2021 Capital Outlay funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

*RES. NO 21-162*

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY – JUST GRANT AWARD:**

County Attorney Lisa Montgomery and Assistant County Attorney Karen Miller met with the Board with information on the Justice Grant awarded to the Montgomery County Attorney in the amount of \$197,215.00. This is a two (2) year program from October 2021 to October 2023. Funds will be used for technical equipment and other Attorney's office needs as approved by the grant funds.

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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION:**

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson met with the Board to request approval and the signature of the Chairman on an application to apply for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. The Board approved the request and the Chairman to sign the application to apply for the grant.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

1. Letter from Department of Emergency Management regarding the applications submitted for the Hazard Mitigation Program. The letter stated Montgomery County's project had not been selected as a candidate for funding.
2. Requested to reschedule the Jefferson road viewing from 1/3/2022 to 1/10/2022. Request was approved.
3. Discussed a tree on right-of-way partially falling on private property and the owner of the property asking the county to remove the tree from their property. It was decided the County will retrieve the part of tree from the personal property due to the actual tree being on the county right-of-way.
4. Discussed the FileMaker Pro with GIS Director Anne Miller present. The cost for two users will be \$349.00 per year and this will replace Public Works Department's STAR Software (Road Portion). The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve two (2) users on FileMaker Pro at a total cost of \$349.00 for one (1) year to replace STAR Software*

**REGISTER OF DEEDS – TECH FUND:**

Register of Deeds Marilyn Calhoun met with the Board to provide information on a transfer of \$20,000.00 to the County Appraiser's Department for funds to be used towards expenses concerning land management equipment for appraisals and land values. The funds will be transferred to the General Fund with a project code assigning the funds to the County Appraiser's Department.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION :**

The Board reviewed changes to be made to the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the unincorporated areas of Montgomery County. All changes will be made in the new Plan being submitted to the Attorney General's Office. The County Appraiser was present to recommend any changes and will return to the Board at the next meeting with a final report on recommended changes before the Plan is completed. Commissioner Bever asked the County Appraiser and County Clerk to review the Plan and come back with the recommendations for changes needed before a new Plan is submitted.

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**EBMS INSURANCE – MICAH BOULANGER:**

Mr. Micah Boulanger, representing the EBMS Employee Insurance Plan met with the Board to present suggested changes in our present policy. Also in attending the meeting was the Human Resources Director.

Some of the changes suggested:

1. Reference Based Pricing Concept for paying in Network and Out of Network Claims at a lower rate –
2. Prescription Analysis – Reviewing PBM contracts and looking for Specialty Prescription Cost Reduction –
3. Case Management – Reduce Medical Spend by having case management services that focus on High-Cost Claimants –
4. Fair Market Health Platform – Contracts having case rates based on percent of Medicare as reimbursement.

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. No other business.

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**ADJOURNMENT: 12:35 PM**

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

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

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**ROBERT BEVER, Chairman**



