

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

February 28, 2022

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville, KS

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner McManus.

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

*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 McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$125,235/90, \$33,038.00 and \$233,201.96. as presented by the County Clerk's Office. A payment of \$199,540.00 was made of \$199,540.00 to PWWDS#4 from the American Rescue Act funding. 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 McManus to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 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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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Independence Historical Museum & Art Center budget request from Randy Hoffman, Treasurer.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

1. Update regarding project on CR 4500, between Independence and Liberty (relocation of road). Construction will begin after the construction meeting. Commissioner Bever wants the public to be notified on the closing in the media ahead of the closing.
2. A request to solicit bids for diesel fuel for the entire year was approved by the Board.
3. 2021 Year in Review information was presented to the Board for the responsibilities and work completion of the Building Maintenance Department in the year 2021. The report is and projects is by county owned facilities and departments.

Mr. Brent Heuer was schedule on the agenda for 9:15 AM and did not appear for the appointment.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION – JOB STATUS OF A NON-ELECTED EMPLOYEE:**

Human Resources Director Becky Lewis requested a ten minute Executive Session to discuss the job status of a non-elected employee.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:25 AM to return a 9:35 AM with the Board, HR Director and Emergency Manager Rick Whitson present for the purpose of discussing the job status of a non-elected employee (KSA 75-4319-1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Returned to session at 9:35 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF – EXECUTIVE SESSION – KSA 75-4317(2)a (b) (16):**

Sheriff Ron Wade and Undersheriff Chris Williams met with the Board to request an Executive Session as per KSA 75-4317(2 a ) (b 16) concerning an inmate.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session according to KSA 75-4317 (2a) (b16) concerning an inmate, at 10:15 AM to return at 10:25 AM with the Board, Sheriff Wade and Undersheriff Chris Williams present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever. Commissioner McManus was absent.*

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

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

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Johnnie McElwain, a resident of the Elk City area, requested a road repair on CR 5425, and gave a physical address of the area on the road of 1477 CR 5425. Public Works will follow up on the report of the repair that is needed.
2. The County Clerk discussed preparing the 2023 budget and what will be needed in the first draft to be presented to the Board after receiving all departmental budgets and requests included in distributions from the County. The Board will be working on the 2023 budget as soon as these figures from the departments are available from the County Clerk.
3. Stop-Loss Specific Amount with the new amount for the County's responsibility for the April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 renewal. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to increase the Specific Stop Loss liability of the County from \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00 which will lower the premium for 2022/2023 renewal of Employee Health Insurance by \$60,500.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 22-027

**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS (Continued):**

4. Rescind Resolution No. 04-52 on extending the benefits of retired employees –  
**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to rescind Montgomery County Resolution No. 04-52 (extending the benefits of retired employees). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

*RES. NO. 22-028*

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**ADJOURNMENT: 10:44 AM**

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

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

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

*Robert E Bever*  
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ROBERT BEVER, Chairman

*Larry McManus*  
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LARRY McMANUS, Member

*Mike Cordray*  
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MIKE CORDRAY, Member

**ATTEST:**



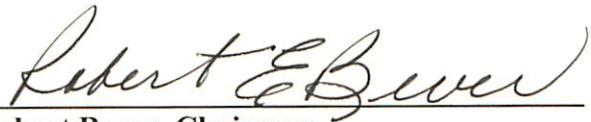
*Charlotte Schmidt*  
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County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-027**

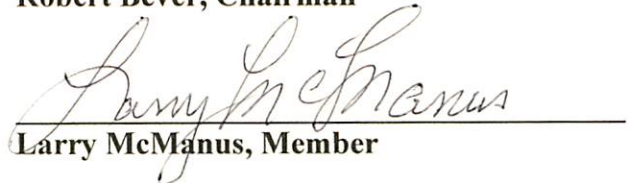
**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to increase the Specific Stop Loss liability of the County from \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00 which will lower the premium for 2022/2023 renewal of Employee Health Insurance by \$60,500.00.*

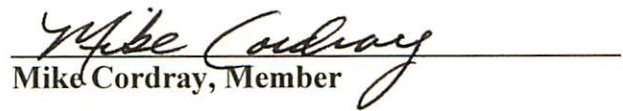
*Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*



**Robert Bever, Chairman**



**Larry McManus, Member**



**Mike Cordray, Member**



**ATTEST:**

  
**Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-028

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WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to rescind Montgomery County Resolution No. 04-52 (extending the benefits of retired employees).*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*Robert E Bever*

Robert Bever, Chairman

*Larry McManus*

Larry McManus, Member

*Mike Cordray*

Mike Cordray, Member

ATTEST:

*Charlotte Schmidt*  
Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

