

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

March 7, 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: Commissioner Bever.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

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*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$202,908.64 and \$26,382.92 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*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of February 28, 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*

HUMAN RESOURCES – SERVICE AWARDS:

Service Awards were presented by the Board and Human Resources to all 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 year employees. The awards were presented for the years of 2020 and 2021 due to 2020 presentation being delayed due to COVID.

Awards from Kansas Association of Counties were also presented for the 8, 16 24 and 40 years of service.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH – GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Montgomery County Health Director Carolyn Muller met with the Board to present a request for approval to submit applications for grants for the County Health Department. The forms are for the Aid to Local through the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the total amount of \$529,728.81. Approval was given for the applications to be submitted and the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the request for applications to be submitted for grants for the Montgomery County Health Department and to authorize the Chairman to sign required application documents on behalf of Montgomery County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACTION COUNCIL – 2023 BUDGET:

Mr. Tom Simpson, Interim MCAC Director and Kathy Thompson also representing MCAC met with the Board to present the 2023 budget request. Mr. Simpson stated their request is to be approved for the same amount as was approved for the budget year 2022. No action is required at this time.

Mr. Simpson gave an update on projects MCAC is working on and industrial sites.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACTION COUNCIL – LOAN DOCUMENTS – LAURA KELLER:

Montgomery County Action Council employee Laura Keller, met with the Board to report on the loan documents being reviewed by County Counselor Paul Kritz.

Ms. Keller reported that the loan document through MCAC have been reviewed by County Counselor and found to have all the legal documentation required. She also reported there are two (2) loans now in the collection process and all legal action is being handled by the County Counselor.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Diesel Fuel Contract bids – Only one bid was received for diesel fuel. After discussion the decision was made to not contract for the fuel and the bid was cancelled.
2. Discussed funds awarded through the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program. The discussion was on Bridge #4211 CR 2100 NE of Elk City.
3. Noxious Weed – Signatures required on the 2022 Weed Management Plan – Copies of the Plan was distributed to the Board for their review and it will be discussed at the March 14th meeting.

RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICTS – APRIL NUTT:

April Nutt, Independence Housing Authority Executive Director, met with the Board to present Rural Housing Incentive District Act (RHID). She presented information on RHID which covered the Act providing a financing tool for Cities and Counties to address housing shortages within their communities. This is a State Program.

She addressed the housing shortage in Independence and if more jobs come into the area, there will not be enough housing for the increased need. Areas in Independence were presented on maps describing the locations established as Rural Housing Incentive Districts as a new economic development incentive for housing development. These districts are the locations as presented by the maps.

The Board thanked Ms. Nutt and no action to be taken.

GIS – COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 3000 (Laura Ingalls Wilder Road):

GIS Director Anne Miller met with the Board regarding CR 3000 also known as Laura Ingalls Wilder Road, located south and west of Independence with a 911 Address of CR 3000. In order for there to be no confusion to 911 responders the question was presented on Resolution No. 17-15 naming the road as Laura Ingalls Wilder Road. Following discussion by the Board, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever that Montgomery County roads located in the unincorporated areas shall be numbered according to the Montgomery County Grid for NG 911 addresses.*

For roads with an identified historical site, the Montgomery County Grid System shall be used. Historical sites may apply to the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners for a historical vanity name but will still use the NG 911 address. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO 22-029

HUMAN RESOURCES – INSURANCE and EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Human Resources Director Becky Lewis met with the Board to present information and a brochure on the CRMC tele-medicine program. This is a basic tele-med service open from 8 AM to 5 PM. This could be offered to the County employees to see how many are interested. The brochure will be passed out explaining how to use the service.

Ms. Lewis requested a 20 minute Executive Session according to KSA 75-4319 Job Status of non-elected employee with the Board, HR Director and County Clerk present.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to recess to Executive Session at 10:55 AM to return at 11:20 AM according to KSA 75-4319 to discuss the Job Status of non-elected employee with the Board, HR Director and County Clerk present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Returned to session at 11:20 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from County Attorney Lisa Montgomery requesting to sell a vehicle on Purple Wave –
2. State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation by the Governor due to dry grassland, low relative humidity, unseasonably warm temperatures and gusty winds. The affected area is all 105 counties in Kansas.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Occupational License renewal for Greg's Place, Caney, KS –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the issuance of an Occupational License to Greg's Place, Caney, KS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. 22-030

ADJOURNMENT: 11:45 AM

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 E Bever
ROBERT BEVER, Chairman

Larry McManus
LARRY McMANUS, Member

ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt
County Clerk

Mike Cordray
MIKE CORDRAY, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 22-029

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 7th day of March, 2022.

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.



Robert E. Bever

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Mike Cordray

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ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt

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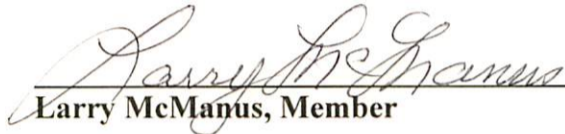
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Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk