

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

July 11, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Bever.

INVOCATION: Reverend Bill Booe, United Methodist Church, Liberty and Cherryvale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Cordray.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve invoices in the amount of \$274,347.27 (Prepays) and \$11,987.99. \$15,750.00 was paid to Montgomery County Action Council and \$46,347.53 to Howard's Electric for Building Maintenance from ARP funds, as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022, 2022 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

HUMAN RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:

Human Resources Director Becky Lewis met with the Board and requested an Executive Session (K.S.A. 75-4319 B (1)) to discuss the job status of a non-elected personnel.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:10 AM to return at 9:25 AM for the purpose of discussing the job status of a non-elected personnel permitted by K.S.A. 75-4319 B (1) with the Board and Human Resources Director present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Returned at 9:24 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE – RENOVATION OF CITY HALL:

Those meeting with the Board to discuss the renovation of City Hall which will affect the employee and handicapped parking for the County were David Cowan, Kelly Passauer, Louis Ysusi and John Garris. Building Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps participated in the meeting with the planning and scheduling.

Plans for the project and dates were presented and discussed. The dates discussed were mid-August for Atmos Gas and Evergy Electricity. October will be the remainder of the project work. There was discussion on the month of October and the November 8th General Election with voting in the courthouse and how this will affect our handicapped parking for voters

Building Maintenance Supervisor will be working with the City of Independence when the renovation begins.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Chemical Bids – One bid was received – Van Diest Supply Co., Lindsborg, KS
ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept and approve the chemical bids from Van Diest Supply Co. in the amount of \$18, 005.96. Debit Noxious Weed Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 22-080

2. Chemical Sales Report for January through June 2022 was presented to the Board –
3. Cash receipt report for Road and Bridge for 2nd quarter –
4. Bids for corrugated metal pipe –

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| Welborn Sales, Olathe, KS | \$49,446.50 |
| Metal Culverts, Inc. | \$60,453.00 |
| Valley Vie Farms, Caney, KS | \$70,814.95 |
| J&J Drainage Products Co., Hutchinson, KS | \$59,935.00 |
| Contech, Lawrence, KS | \$49,824.80 |

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept and approve the low bid of \$49,446.50 from Welborn Sales, Olathe, KS for corrugated metal pipe. Debit Road and Bridge/Special Bridge Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray*

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

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5. Discussion regarding sign request by the City of Independence for signs directing to the Independence City tree disposal site. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the request by the City of Independence for signage to be place directing to the Independence City tree disposal site by the Public Works Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

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6. Discussion regarding the Safe Streets and Roads for all grant programs –
7. Discussion regarding diesel fuel prices and purchasing.

EMERGENCY MANAGER – RICK WHITSON – CORONER TRANSPORT SERVICES:

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson and Detective Chad Dunham met with the Board to discuss the transport services for the Coroner to the facility for autopsies. There is a problem when only one person can do the transport which is now First Call and they only have one employee transporting at the present time and he has been unable to work on the last several calls.

EMERGENCY MANAGER – CORONER TRANSPORT SERVICES (Continued):

Mr. Whitson will contact First Call and discuss the problem and work on a contract to eliminate some of the waiting time.

BRENT LITTLETON – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM:

Mr. Brent Littleton, owner of Dairy Queen in Independence met with the Board and presented his request to be reinstated in the Independence City Neighborhood Revitalization Plan on the North Penn Ave. Plan.

Mr. Littleton was taken out of the Plan due to delinquent taxes, paid May 18th on the last one-half of the 2021 taxes. He explained the problem to the Board and that he had been to the City of Independence and they have reinstated his property in the Plan. It is necessary for each entity participating in the Plan must be contacted and make the decision on reinstatement.

No action was taken at this time but the Board did state they were not in favor because deadlines have been established and all have been required to follow rules for these deadlines. There will be further discussion and Mr. Littleton will be contacted as to their decision.

GIS – ANNE MILLER – ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE:

GIS Director Anne Miller and GIS Specialist Jennifer Meredith met with the Board

Ms. Miller presented information on the recent annexation by the City of Independence. The descriptions are not matching with the County mapping legals and she stressed the need on legal descriptions and boundaries being correct when property is annexed into a city. They are working on getting this corrected on this annexation.

MR. JEFF WEIMER – DISCUSSION REGARDING AUTO TAG OFFICE:

Jeff Weimer, Montgomery County employee discussed the title work on vehicles taking too much time and trips to Coffeyville which resulted in his wife being required to take vacation to get a title changed. The Board said they have been working with the County Treasurer on getting the full service and being open during the lunch hour back to normal in the office in the courthouse.

COUNTY TREASURER – NANCY CLUBINE – SAUDIT REPORT ON TAG OFFICE:

County Treasurer Nancy Clubine met with the Board and reported the Independence Auto Tag is now open and title work can be done at the Independence and Coffeyville Offices. She also said the State of Kansas audit of the tag office has been completed and the employees audit on the completion of their work was four (4) of the employees received 100%, one (1) employee received 95% and one (1) 92%. This is based on their knowledge and performance of the required tasks.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from KCamp on Driver Training Certificates.
2. Letter from Department of Revenue on licensing for fireworks stands within the County.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Register of Deeds June Report.
2. E-Mail from Allen Wolfe to Commissioner Bever regarding Auto Tag Dept.

WORK SESSION ON INSURANCE

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Bever to close the regular session and go into work session on County Employee Insurance with the Board, County Clerk and Human Resources Director present at 11:35 AM. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

Work Session recessed at 12:00 Noon until 12:30 PM for lunch. Resumed the session at 12:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:00 PM PM

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

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

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LARRY McMANUS, Member


MIKE CORDRAY, Member

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County Clerk

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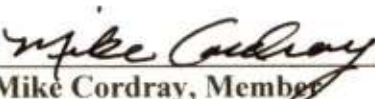
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