

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

November 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: Reverend Renita Butler, Friends Evangelical Church, Independence, KS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

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*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$347,474.97(Prepays) 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 Cordray to approve the minutes of October 31, 2022 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

**YERKES & MICHELS, CPA – REPORTS ON AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND
DISPURSEMENTS:**

Makayla England and Emily Vail representing Yerkes & Michels, CPAs met with the Board to report on the funds being provided by American Rescue funds. A written report on the paid allocations and the balances on each individual entity receiving the approved fund was presented to the Board.

The question was asked if the funds not use by the closure date can be redistributed. The funds could be redistributed from funds not collected in the first distribution. The funds must be used by June 30, 2024 or the funds are to be paid back to the County and the County will make another distribution of these funds and these funds must be spent by 2026.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – LEE MILLER:

Assistant Emergency Manager Lee Miller present a request for approval of the Board to complete the application for the KDEM/EMP Grant requiring the signature of the Chairman. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County the application for the KDEM/EMPG Grant to be applied for by the Emergency Management Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 22-145

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – ADA STEPS AT THE COURTHOUSE:

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps met with the Board to discuss a letter on a requirement on the railings at the entrances to the Courthouse. Mr. Phelps will check further the steps they are relating to as some are under construction at this time and the railings will be included in the construction.*****

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS:

A Proclamation supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans' was made by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the presenting of the Green Light to Donnie Collins of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Proclamation by the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners:

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS:

WHEREAS, the residents of Montgomery County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and the community in the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all, and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it further

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Montgomery County hereby declares from November 7, 2022 through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Montgomery County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Discussion regarding insurance settlement for 2022 Sterling Dump Truck – Mr. Wright will negotiate with KCAMP on a settlement for the truck.
2. Requested permission to solicit bids for the 2023 Biennial Bridge Inspections – Request was approved.
3. Discussion on bicycle route placed on hold. Mr. Wright is seeking more information on the project.
4. Discussion on 1926 bridge (Spoonover Bridge).

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (KSA 7504319 (b1d):

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to recess to Executive Session at 10:02 AM to return at 10:30 AM with the Board and Human Resources present to discuss Non-Elected Personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Returned at 10:30 AM with a motion by Commissioner Cordray to extend to 10:40 AM. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus with Commissioner Bever voting yes.

Returned to session at 10:40 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. County Treasurer with a reconciliation report of the 2021 taxes collected for the 2022 budget year.
2. Register of Deeds report for October 2022 –
3. County Clerk’s report on the completion of the 2022 taxes for the 2023 budget year has been balanced and transferred to the County Treasurer on November 3, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:04 AM

ACTION: *Motion by Commissioner McManus, 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

Mike Cordray

MIKE CORDRAY, Member



ATTEST

Charlotte Schmidt
County Cler

RESOLUTION NO. 22-145

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

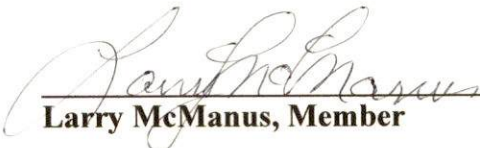
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Robert Bever, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Mike Cordray, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk