

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

January 9, 2023

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 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 Cordray to approve invoices in the amount of \$8,735.00 (Distributions) \$21,919.86 and \$234,525.80 as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*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 January 3, 2023 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Independence City Manager Kelly Passauer and Montgomery County Action Council Director Riley Lukowski met with the Board to discuss an EDA Grant for the Comprehensive Plan Project Overview by the City of Independence and partnering with the County and other communities in applying for this grant. There will be a matching of funds and the application must be in by March 1, 2023. The funding will most likely be 50% on each entity and totaled together for the grant.

No action was taken at time. A meeting was sent for January 23rd with the City of Independence and Montgomery County Action Council to further discuss partnering with the County and applying for the grant.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Cash receipt report for 4th quarter for Road and Bridge.
2. Chemical Sales receipt report for 2022.
3. Bridge 42.1 replacement will begin January 9, 2023. County Road 2300 between County Road 5600 and 5800 will be closed until mid-May.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

The first item to be the election of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners –

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to nominate Commissioner Bever to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-005

Appointment of County Newspaper -

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to appoint the Montgomery County Chronicle as the official County newspaper for 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-006

Approval of 2023 Holiday Schedule for County offices -

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Holiday Schedule as to be the same as the 2022 schedule and a copy distributed to all departments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 23-004

Approval of GAAP waiver for 2023 –

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the GAAP Waiver for 2023 as Montgomery County has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 2023 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Board of County Commissioners or the members of the general public of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 23-003

Invocation Schedule –

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the Invocation Schedule for 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

Appoint Montgomery County Counselor -

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to re-appoint Attorney Paul Kritz as Montgomery County Counselor for 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 23-007

Reorganization (Continued):

In House Auditor –

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to temporarily appoint Laverne Strecker as Montgomery County In-house Auditor for 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-008

Appointments to Boards and Committees:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to appoint the Board Members to the following Boards and Committees:

SEK Regional Planning Commission – Commissioner McManus
Montgomery County Solid Waste Committee – Commissioner Bever
Representative to Juvenile Detention Board , Girard, KS – Commissioner McManus
LEPC – Commissioner Cordray
RC&D – Commissioner Cordray
Council on Aging – Commissioner Cordray
Montgomery County Economic Development Committee – Commissioner Bever
KWorks – Commissioner Bever

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 23-009

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/RURAL FIRE:

Emergency Manager/ District Fire Chief Rick Whitson met with the Board to request an increase in salary for the Montgomery County Rural Fire Support Officer from the current \$15.00 per hour to \$16.20 with a maximum of 1000 hours and this will amend any previous resolution and be effective 1-1-2023.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the request for an increase in salary for the Montgomery County Rural Fire Support Officer from the current salary of \$15.00 per hour to \$16.20 per hour with a maximum of 1000 hours and this will amend any previous resolution and be effective January 1, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-013

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – CARPORT OT HOUSE TRAILER:

County Health Director Carolyn Muller and Emergency Manager Rick Whitson met with the Board to request approval for a carport to house the County Health trailer to be east of the building at Dearing Public Works. It will be paid from grant funds available through County Health.

There was discussion on the cost of the carport, location, cost and the building itself. No action was taken at this time.

AUTO TAG OFFICE – BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR:

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps met with the Board to report on a window broken on the west side of the Auto Tag Office in Coffeyville. The cost for repair will be approximately \$12,664.00 and will be repaired by Eisenhart Construction. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the repair of the broken window at the Auto Tag Office in Coffeyville at an estimated cost of \$12,664.00 to be repaired by Eisenhart Construction. Debit General Fund Capital Outlay. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 23-010

HUMAN RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 10:10 AM to return at 10:30 AM with the Board, Sheriff Wade, Undersheriff Chris Williams and HR Director Becky Lewis present to discuss non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319 (b1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Returned to session at 10:30 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

Human Resources Director Becky Lewis presented a request to the Board to remove the residency requirements from the Employee's Handbooks. After discussion, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to remove residency requirements for employees from the Official Montgomery County Employee's Handbook effective with this resolution. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 23-011

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 11:00 AM to return at 11:30 AM with the Board, Financial Officer Fred Gress and HR Director Becky Lewis present to discuss Confidential Data KSA 75-4319 (4). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Returned to session at 11:30 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Resolution for Employee's salary increase –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve an eight percent salary increase for County Employees effective January 1, 2023. This increase excludes all elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 23-003

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS (Continued):

2. Cereal Malt Beverage License –

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the issuance of a Cereal Malt Beverage License for AKASI LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 23-014

3. Neighborhood Revitalization –

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for the property located at 3394 CR 2200, Independence, KS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-012

4. Register of Deeds cash report for December 2022 -


ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 AM

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

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

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


ROBERT BEVER, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


MIKE CORDRAY, Member



ATTEST:


County Clerk