

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

January 3, 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: Reverend Melvin Simpson, 1st Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville.

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 \$245,118.66 and \$338,323.70 (end of year invoices and distributions) 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 December 27, 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*

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:

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS and COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CHILDRENS SERVICES -
INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE OFFICES DUTIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

Community Corrections Director Dennis Webb and Community Corrections Children Services Director Duane Powell met with the Board of County Commissioners to provide information on each of the agencies. This meeting was to provide a better understanding of the functions and the counties responsibility.

Mr. Webb gave a written description of services, duties, number of staff and how Community Corrections is funded by grants and the State of Kansas. The employees are considered County Employees in each of the agencies. There are no tax levies on the County but the County must provide offices and utilities for each of the two agencies. Mr. Powell also provided a report with this information as it applied to his agency. The Board thanked them for their reports.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Director Jim Wright and Assistant Public Works Director Brandon Beurskens met with the Board and presented the weekly written report. The following items were discussed.

1. Requested permission to begin negotiations for the purchase of right-of-way for the project South of Coffeyville on County Road 4700 (Buckeye).

Mr. Wright reported the present right-of-way policy was sent to County Counselor and he did not recommend any changes to the present policy due to the variations of right-of-ways required. The Board approved the request of Public Works to begin negotiations for right-of-way for the project on CR 4700 South of Coffeyville.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:1

1. Indigent Attorney Contract – Mike Hassenplug –

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the Indigent Attorney Contract between Montgomery County and Attorney Mike Hassenplug as provided by County Counselor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-01-01

2. Human Resources Director Becky Lewis met with the Board and discussed the 8 percent increase in wages for Montgomery County employees excluding the Elected positions. The wage increase was included in the September 12, 2022 Public Budget Hearing final mill levy. A resolution for the increase will be discussed at the next regular Commission Meeting.


ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 AM

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

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

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


ROBERT BEYER, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


MIKE CORDRAY



ATTEST

County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 23-001

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 3rd day of January, 2023

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the Indigent Attorney Contract between Montgomery County and Attorney Mike Hassenplug as provided by County Counselor.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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



Robert Bever, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Mike Cordray, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 23-002

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 9th day of January, 2023

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve an eight percent increase for County Employees effective January 1, 2023. This increase excludes all elected personal.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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


Robert Bever, Chairman


Larry McManus, Member


Mike Cordray, Member



ATTEST.


Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 23-003

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 9th day of January, 2023

WHEREAS: Montgomery County, Kansas, 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 and

WHEREAS: There are no revenue bond ordinances or resolutions or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the waiver of GAAP (Governmental Accounting Procedures) for Montgomery County for the year 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of County Commissioners shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of Montgomery County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert E. Bever

Lang McManus

Mike Cordray



ATTEST:

Charlotte Scott Schmidt
Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 23-004

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 9th day of January, 2023.

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever that the following holidays be adopted for 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

Martin Luther King's Birthday	(Monday)	January 16, 2023
President's Day	(Monday)	February 20, 2023
Good Friday	(Friday)	April 07, 2023
Memorial Day	(Monday)	May 29, 2023
Independence Day	(Tuesday)	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	(Monday)	September 4, 2023
Columbus Day	(Monday)	October 09, 2023
Veteran's Day	(Observed on Friday)	November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	(Thursday)	November 23, 2023
Day after Thanksgiving	(Friday)	November 24, 2023
Christmas Eve	(Observed on Friday)	December 22, 2023
Christmas Day	(Monday)	December 25, 2023
New Year's Day	(Monday)	January 1, 2024

*The County offices will close at noon on December 30, 2023 for auditing case purposes.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert E. Bever

Gary McManus

Wise Cordray



ATTEST

Charlotte Scott Schmidt
Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk