

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

March 20, 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 Bill Booe, United Methodist Church, Liberty and Cherryvale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner McManus.

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**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*

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the minutes of March 13, 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*

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Information on Four Rivers Annual Meeting.

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**SOUTHEAST KANSAS REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER:**

Mr. Mike Walden, SEK Regional Juvenile Detention Center Director met with the Board to provide information on the facilities at Girard, Kansas and to discuss the estimated detention fees for the 2023 year. The estimated monthly fee for Montgomery County is \$22,361.00.

Mr. Walden explained how the formula is calculated for the average for each of the 11 counties services are provided. The Board followed the presentation with questions concerning the facilities and the number of juveniles received at Girard from Montgomery County. They thanked Mr. Walden for his presentation.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL (KSA 25-4319 1b):**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to recess to Executive Session at 9:40 AM to return at 9:45 AM with the Board and Ashley Hand present to discuss non-elected employee job status (KSA 25-4319 1b). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Returned to session stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright, Assistant Coordinator Brandon Beurskens and Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps met with the Board to present the weekly report.

Mr. Phelps presented a request to the Board for approval to sell or dispose of the old compressor in the Judicial Center. Commissioner Bever recommend Mr. Phelps sell it on Purple Wave if the Public Works department cannot it.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize and approve the Maintenance Supervisor to sell the compressor on Purple Wave if the Public Works department cannot use it. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES. NO. 23-049*

The items on the weekly report were:

1. Requested approval to receive bids for the 2023 Asphalt Program and also to receive bids for the emulsion oil for the 2023 Chip & Seal Program. Approval was given to solicit bids for each of the requests.
2. Discussed the preliminary Economic Development Grant Application with a copy of the application. The Board authorized Mr. Wright to apply for the grant.
3. Commissioner Cordray will attend the 2023 County Commission and Road Officials Meeting March 29, 2023 at KDOT Meeting Room, Chanute, KS.
4. Mr. Wright requested approval to replace the departments excavator. The request was approved and Mr. Wright will work with Commissioner Cordray when he has located a replacement not to exceed \$250,000.

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**CHILD CARE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:**

Tamisha Sewell representing Tree House of Early Learning and Laura Keller from Montgomery County Action Council met with the Board to request a letter of support from Montgomery County to apply for a Community Block Grant. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners for the Tree House of Early Learning application for a Community Development Block Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES. 23-050*

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**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION – CITY OF CANEY:**

Caney City Administrator Kelley Zeliner presented a 10 year Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for a designated area in the City of Caney requesting the County's support and participation in the Plan. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery the participation of the County in the 10 year Neighborhood Revitalization for the City of Caney. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

*RES. NO. 23-051*

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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – AED EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING:**

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson presented information on the placement of AED Equipment in the County buildings and the training of someone from each department being trained on the equipment. He is planning on the training of two (2) employees from each department. No action required.

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Flood Plain Lease agreement for Mary Kizzire on CR 1600 –

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the Flood Plain Lease Agreement for Mary Kizzire on CR 1600. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 23-052

2. Montgomery County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for 5280 CR 5515, Cherryvale –

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan application for 5280 CR 5515, Cherryvale, KS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-053

3. **APPOINTMENT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR (NEW HIRES):**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize and approve the appointment of Brandee Hanna-Kirk as Montgomery County Health Director effective April 10, 2023 and appoint Mandi Lantz as Human Resources Director effective May 8, 2023 with Ashley Hand serving as Interim HR Director until May 8, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO. 23-054

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**ADJOURNMENT: 10:37 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



  
County Clerk

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**Robert Bever, Chairman**



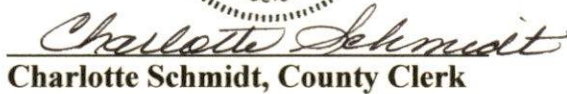
**Larry McManus, Member**



**Mike Cordray, Member**



**ATTEST:**



**Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk**

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Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

  
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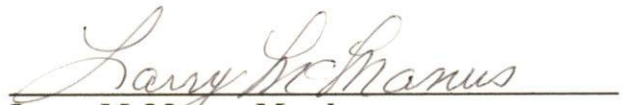
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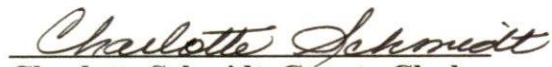
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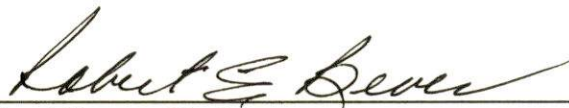
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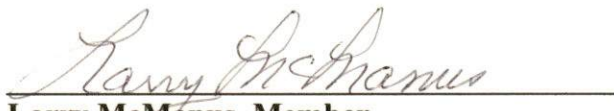
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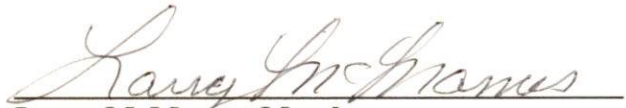
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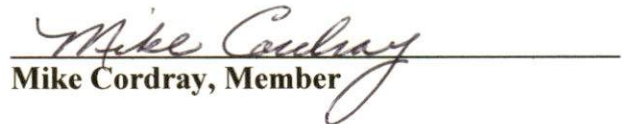
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