

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

August 21, 2023

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

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. Montgomery County Action Council scheduled for 9:05 AM and did not appear. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

No Invoices to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of August 14, 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- Absent*

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH – GRANT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

Montgomery County Health Director Brandee Kirk-Hanna presented a request to apply for the Workforce Development Grant for 2023-2027. The grant will be for \$142,653.90 with no matching funds required from the County. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request to apply for the Workforce Development Grant and to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 23-131

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Update on cost for alternatives to the concrete box installed on CR 1600.
2. KDOT Local Consult meeting information. Presented information on meeting dates and places.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE DIST. #1 – SYCAMORE STATION EXPANSION:

Montgomery County Rural Fire District #1 District Fire Chief Rick Whitson met with the Board and presented plans for the expansion of the present Sycamore Rural Fire Station in Sycamore. Approval was given by the Board for Mr. Whitson to obtain costs and obtain bids for the project.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS JUVENILE SERVICES – NEW SERVER PROPOSAL:

Department of Corrections Juvenile Services Director Kenneth Fecke and Computer Department Director Jason Clubine met with the Board presenting a new server proposal. The cost for the hardware from KKi technologies is \$6,298.00. The total installed and shipping is \$9,573.00. After discussion with Mr. Clubine on his office installing the equipment it was approved as presented to proceed with the proposal from KKi technologies. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the purchase of a new server system in the Department of Corrections Juvenile Services to be purchased and installed by KKi technologies at a cost of \$9,573.00 to be paid from the Department of Corrections Juvenile Services fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Absent

RES. NO. 23-132

RECESS – 9:37 AM to 9:47 AM.

Returned to session at 9:45 AM.

HUMAN RESOURCES – BEN BRUBAKER – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS COMPENSATION:

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker, Sheriff Ron Wade, Department of Corrections Captain Chad Dunham, Undersheriff Chris Williams and Financial Officer Fred Gress were present at the meeting to discuss the Department of Corrections compensation.

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker presented information to the Board proposing an increase to the starting Department of Corrections floor pay. The proposal recommends increasing the base hourly wage from \$15/hr to \$17/hr with an additional \$1/hr after completion of one year on the job and passing a competency evaluation. It was recommended in the information to the Board that to accomplish the training requirement an additional Sergeant title would be added to support training staff and leaders. This would no increase the DOC number of employees. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept the recommendation as presented to the Board and approve the increase of base hourly wages from \$15/hr to \$17/hr with an additional \$1/hr after completion of one year on the job and passing a competency evaluation and to include an additional Sergeant title to support training staff and leaders. This resolution will go into effect the 26th of August pay period. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Absent

RES. NO. 23-133

FINANCIAL OFFICER – FRED GRESS – 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Financial Officer Fred Gress discussed the County 2024 budget and how much effect has gone into the work to keep the Revenue Neutral Rate below rate of 44.268 mills. The Public Hearing date for the 2024 Budget will be September 18, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. July report from County Clerk's office -

ADJOURNMENT: 10:25 AM

ACTION: *Motion by Commissioner Bever, seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

WORK SESSION: 10:25 AM.

Those present for the work session: Board of County Commissioners, County Clerk, Financial Officer, Sheriff Ron Wade and Undersheriff Chris Williams on some budget items to be included as repairs. No decisions made.

Work Session closed at 10:45 AM.

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ROBERT BEVER, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member

MIKE CORDRAY, Member



ATTEST:


County Clerk

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