

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

October 16, 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 Cordray.

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 Bever.*

*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 July 10, 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*

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Four County Mental Health requesting a letter from the County supporting Four County Mental Health Center's Connections Transportation Program. The Board approved the request to support grant funding from Kansas Department of Transportation to replace higher mileage vehicles to provide transportation to individuals with disabilities, elderly population and other transit-dependent citizens. The Board approved a letter of support be provided from Montgomery County.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE – CARPET FOR COFFEYVILLE TAG OFFICE:

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps met with the Board to request receiving bids for carpeting for the Auto Tag Office in Coffeyville. The Auto Tag Office will have the new carpet but not the conference room part of the facility. The project will be paid from funds in the Building Maintenance Department and the request for bids will be published in the newspaper.

FINANCIAL OFFICER – REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Montgomery County Financial Officer Fred Gress discussed the transferring the Auto Tag accounting to the County's General Ledger as recommended by the County's auditing firm. He also provided a proposed purchase order request for all 2023 yearend expenses to be paid which will include the encumbering of funds.

Mr. Gress reported on the Kansas Department of Transportation meeting on roads. The concern for Montgomery County is Highway 169 and east on Highway 160 due to the increase of traffic to and from the Bartlett Soybean facility when the facility completed. He presented a map showing where more industrial operations could be in the future and discussed the need for a Comprehensive Plan to be in place which could enhance grant opportunities.

The Board approved turning over to the Montgomery Planning Commission to move forward with plans going to Kansas Department of Transportation.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. A letter of support was requested by CHC/SEK's General Public Transportation our of Pittsburg but planning in the near future to have public transportation available in Montgomery County. The Board approved a letter of support be provided by Montgomery County.
2. Mr. Andy Taylor spoke with the Board and had questions on "being in compliance" in the County Appraiser's Office. County Appraiser Melody Kikkert was asked to explain the "in compliance" with the State of Kansas criteria. She explained a county may be in compliance with the State if a certain percent of the criteria (17 percent) is completed. However, Montgomery County has been commended because our appraisal department met a100 percent this year.

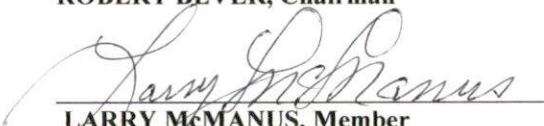
ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 AM

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

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

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ROBERT BEVER, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


MIKE CORDRAY, Member



ATTEST:


County Clerk