

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

November 13, 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 Doug Mund, Grace Fellowship, Coffeyville

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner McManus.

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**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*

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$324,104.81 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*

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023 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*

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**GIS – WEBSITE STATISTICS:**

GIS Director Anne Miller presented an update of the Montgomery County Website's activity. The report included percentage of activity in each of the portion of the website and for departments and offices.

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**14<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – PURCHASE OF FIREWALL FOR SECURITY:**

14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Community Corrections Director Kenneth Fecke and Computer IT Department Director Jason Clubine met with the Board to request approval by the Board to purchase a new TZ-270 wireless SonicWALL for his department at a cost of \$1,000. There will be approximately forty dollars for installation.

The Board approved the purchase and it will be installed by the Computer IT Department.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – FINANCIAL/TRADE AFFAIRS – KSA 75-4319 (b4):**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:25 AM to return at 9:35 AM with the Board and Financial Officer present to discuss Finance/Trade Affairs , KSA-75-4319 (b4). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Returned to session at 9:35 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACTION COUNCIL –  
FINANCIAL/TRADE AFFAIRS – KSA 75-4319 (b4):**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:40 AM to return at 10:00 AM with the Board, Financial Officer Fred Gress and Montgomery County Action Council Director Melissa Johnson present to discuss Finance/Trade Affairs , KSA-75-4319 (b4). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Returned to session at 10:00AM and opened the session for discussion.

The Montgomery County Action Council Director presented a request for support by the County for “Project Manning”. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request of Montgomery County Action Council for the County to support “Project Manning”. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 23-180

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright and Assistant Coordinator Brandon Beurskens met with the Board to discuss road work to be done on County Road 4835 through USACE area.

Mr. Wright presented a map of the Independence Water Transmission Line Improvements 2023 – Part 1, Water Line, Independence.

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Register of Deeds Monthly report –
2. Occupational License – American Legion – Caney

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the renewal of the Occupational License for American Legion, Caney, KS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 23-181

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS (Continued):

3. Neighborhood Revitalization Applications –

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the applications and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County neighborhood revitalization Applications for 2121 CR 5500 Coffeyville, 4241 CR 1300 Elk City, 241 W. Summit Sycamore and 4464 Hwy 169, Cherryvale. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 23-182

4. Rural Opportunity Zone resolution to renew commitment.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize Montgomery County to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for 2024 allocating \$15,000.00 a year over a term of five years with the State of Kansas paying equal shares. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-183

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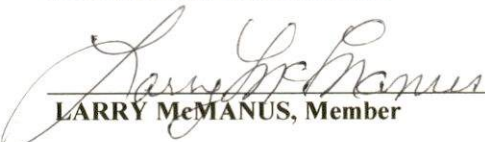
ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 AM

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-180**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

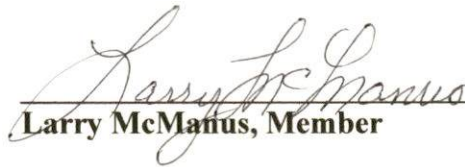
**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request of Montgomery County Action Council for the County to support "Project Manning".*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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



**Robert Bever, Chairman**




**Larry McManus, Member**



**ATTEST:**



**Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk**



**Mike Cordray, Member**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-181**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the renewal of the Occupational License for American Legion, Caney, KS.*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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



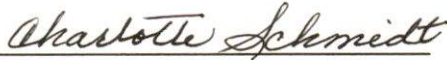
**Robert Bever, Chairman**



**Larry McManus, Member**



**ATTEST:**



**Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk**



**Mike Cordray, Member**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-182**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

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*Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

  
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Robert Bever, Chairman

  
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Larry McManus, Member



  
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Mike Cordray, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
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Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk



**RESOLUTION NO. 23-183**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize Montgomery County to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for 2024 allocating \$15,000.00 a year over a term of five years with the State of Kansas paying equal shares.*



*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 OF THE BOARD OF MONTGOMERYCOUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS,

**Section 1.** Pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

**Section 2.** Montgomery County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,222. As of July 1, 2022, the County population was 30,996 as certified by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

**Section 3.** Montgomery County Commissioners hereby obligate Montgomery County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

**Section 4.** Montgomery County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

**Section 5.** Montgomery County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

**Section 6.** The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Montgomery County and the State of Kansas shall be \$ 15,000 over a term of five years.

**Section 7.** Montgomery County shall allocate \$ 15,000 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Montgomery County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis submitting a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by January 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Montgomery County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of October each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023 by the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners, Montgomery County, Kansas.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert E. Bower  
Angie R. Brown  
Mike Conley

ATTEST: Charlotte Schmidt

Charlotte Scott Schmidt, Montgomery County Clerk