

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

January 8, 2024

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 Bever.

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 Cordray.*

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve invoices in the amount of \$134,064.15 and \$14,892.64 prepays as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*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 January 2, 2024 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*

HUMAN RESOURCES – PAYROLL:

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker met with the Board to discuss payroll direct deposit and paper checks. Payroll would like to cease issuing any payroll checks and go to just the direct deposits and issue pay cards for those not having direct deposit per pay period. The Board discussed the pay cards with Mr. Brubaker and asked if he had visited with the department supervisors. He said he had visited with some but not all and will visit with the others and return to the Board with their comments. No decisions were made and no action was taken at this time.

FINANCIAL OFFICER – HEARING ON LAVTR SENATE BILL AND INFORMATION ON INCREASE IN WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION RATES:

Financial Officer Fred Gress gave information on the hearing on the LAVTR Senate Bill to be held in Topeka on Thursday, January 11th at 9:30 AM. It will also be available through Zoom and the Board will be meeting at 9:30 AM with the Financial Officer for the webinar.

An increase in Workman's Compensation rates was brought to the attention of the Board. The increase was explained by Mr. Gress and how the rates are based on payroll amounts and job classifications. When increases are given it will cause the classification rates to increase also.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL – KSA 75-4319 (b1):

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to recess to Executive Session at 9:35 AM to return a 10:05 AM with the Board and HR present to discuss non-elected personnel, KSA 75-4319 (b1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Returned to session at 10:05 AM with a motion by Commissioner McManus and seconded by Commissioner Bever to extend the session until 10:15 AM with Commissioner Cordray voting yes.

Returned to session at 10:14 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright and Assistant Coordinator Brandon Beurskens met with the Board to present the weekly written report. The following items were discussed:

1. Discussion on letter sent from the Kansas Historical Society in reference to Bridge 913 on County Road 1800 over Pumpkin Creek. Mr. Wright will return next week with information from the Historical Society on the bridge.
2. Will present the updated 5-year Plan in the work session.
3. Reported a break-in at the Dearing Shop this past weekend. He presented a list of the items taken and gave an estimate of the value and cost at \$1,000.00.

The Chairman concluded the Old Business portion of the meeting and began the Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2024. The first item of business was the appointment of the Chairman for 2024.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to appoint Commissioner Mike Cordray as Chairman of the Board for 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 24-004

The following appointments were made:

1. Official County Newspaper for 2024 –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to appoint the Independence Reporter as the official Montgomery County newspaper for 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-005

2. Appointment of County Counselor –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the appointment of Attorney Paul Kritz as Montgomery County Counselor for 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-006

3. Approve the GAAP (Governmental Accounting Procedures) for 2024 –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the waiver of GAAP (Governmental Accounting Procedures) for Montgomery County for the year 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-007

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Continued):

4. Holiday Schedule for 2024 –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2024.*

Martin Luther King's Birthday	(Monday)	January 15, 2024
President's Day	(Monday)	February 19, 2024
Good Friday	(Friday)	March 29, 2024
Memorial Day	(Monday)	May 27, 2024
Independence Day	(Thursday)	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	(Monday)	September 2, 2024
Columbus Day	(Monday)	October 14, 2024
Veteran's Day	(Monday)	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	(Thursday)	November 28, 2024
Day after Thanksgiving	(Friday)	November 29, 2024
Christmas Eve	(Tuesday)	December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	(Wednesday)	December 25, 2024
New Year's Day	(Wednesday)	January 1, 2025

*The County offices will close at noon on December 31, 2024 for auditing case purposes.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 24-008

5. Internal County Auditor –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever that the function of the Internal County Auditor will be performed by the Montgomery County Financial Officer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-009

6. Appointment to Committees –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to appoint the Committee representatives as follows:*

SEK Regional Planning Commission	Commissioner Larry McManus
Solid Waste Committee	Commissioner Robert Bever
Juvenile Detention Board of Girard, KS	Commissioner Larry McManus
LEPC	Commissioner Mike Cordray
Council on Aging	Commissioner Mike Cordray
Montgomery County Economic Development Committee	Commissioner Robert Bever

Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 24-010

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

None -

ADJOURNMENT: 10:45 AM

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


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


Opened Work Session at 10:50 AM with Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright and Assistant Coordinator Brandon Beurskens to present the 5-Year Update for their department. The update included, but not limited to, equipment now in the department, some new equipment to consider purchasing (including some new vehicles, paving and asphalt and the asphalt Plan and roadway materials.

Work Session closed at 12:15 PM

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



ROBERT BEVER, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


MIKE CORDRAY, Member



ATTEST:


County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-004

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 8th day of January, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to appoint Commissioner Mike Cordray as Chairman of the Board for 2024.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

*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

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-006

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 8th day of January, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the appointment of Attorney Paul Kritz as Montgomery County Counselor for 2024.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-007

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 8th day of January, 2024

WHEREAS: Montgomery County, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 2024 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 2024.

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 2024. 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 Bever

Jerry McManus

Mike Cordray



ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt
Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 24-008

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 8th day of January, 2024.

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever that the following holidays be adopted for 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS**

Robert E. Bever

Larry McManus

Mike Cordray



ATTEST:

Charlotte Scott Schmidt
Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk

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Mike Cordray, Chairman

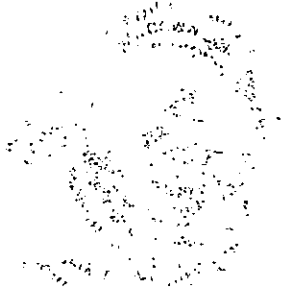

Larry McManus, Member


Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:


Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk



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Mike Cordray

Mike Cordray, Chairman

Larry McManus

Larry McManus, Member

Robert Bever

Robert Bever, Member

ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt

Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk