

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

February 5, 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 Cordray.

INVOCATION: Reverend Renita Butler, Friends Evangelical, Independence.

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 Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$8,600.00 (Encumbered) and \$13,500 APR to Montgomery County Action 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 Bever to approve the minutes of January 29, 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*

EXECUTIVE SESSION -ATTORNEY/CLIENT – KSA 75-4319 (2b):

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:05 AM to return at 9:20 AM for Attorney/Client consultation for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with the Board present and the County Counselor present by telephone. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 9:14 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

Recessed the meeting until 9:20 AM.

Returned to session at 9:20 AM.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Annual Report (2023) for Public Works –
2. Paint Striping Bids –
Straight Line Striping, Grand Island, NE \$25.37 per gallon each - white & yellow
Advanced Work zone Serv., Muskogee, OK \$35.00 per gallon each - white & yellow
ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the low bid from
Straight Line Striping, Grand Island, NE in the amount of \$25.37 per gallon for white
and yellow paint. Debit Road and Bridge Fund 02.102.3335. Motion was seconded by
Commissioner McManus.

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

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3. Petition for road vacation on CR 6200 Mile 16/CR 41 Mile 26- This item was tabled until the next regular Commission meeting.
4. Signatures required for KDOT Agreement for Reimbursement for the unofficial detour route stemming from the road work on US Highway 169 –
ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the Agreement between the County and KDOT for reimbursement for the rock for the unofficial detour route stemming from road work on US Highway 169. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO. 24-017

5. Requested approval to ask for bids to be submitted for (1) farm tractor and (1) 10-foot Flex-Wing Mower. The request was approved.
6. Requested permission to sell some pieces of equipment on PurpleWave. Request was approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to recess to Executive Session at 9:40 AM to 9:55 AM with the Board, Financial Officer and Human Resources Director present to discuss non-elected personnel, KSA 75-4319 (b1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

Returned to session at 9:55 stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

COFFEYVILLE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATING TO FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OR TRADE SECRETS:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM with the Board, Financial Officer Fred Gress, Lisa Kuehn and Amy Taylor representing Coffeyville Regional Medical Center present to discuss financial affairs or trade secrets, 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 10:10 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

Recessed until 10:15 AM.

Returned to session at 10:15 AM

COFFEYVILLE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – GRANT REQUEST:

Coffeyville Regional Medical Center Chief of Operations Lisa Kuehn met with the Board to request Montgomery County partnership with Coffeyville Regional Medical Center in a grant. The Board approved the request.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE DIST #1 – INCREASE IN FIRE PAYROLL:

District Fire Chief Rick Whitson presented the request to the Board which was discussed in the meeting of January 29, 2024 for an increase in the amount paid the Volunteer Fireman and the Fire Chiefs. The request was for the fire responses to be increased from \$15.00 per incident to \$17.50 and the seven (7) Fire Chiefs to be increased from \$150.00 per month to \$250.00 per month. The following action was taken:

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to increase the Montgomery County Rural Fire District No. 1 fire responders from \$15.00 per incident and the seven (7) Fire Chiefs to be increased from \$150.00 per month to \$250.00 per month effective January 1, 2024. The one-time check at the end of the year based on the number of responses ends when these increases are effective. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 24-018

Mr. Whitson also presented the question on the County Storm Shelter and if it will be designated as a shelter for the public. After the discussion it was decided the Montgomery County Judicial Lower Lobby will not be designated as a shelter open to the public. The following action was taken:

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever that the Montgomery County Lower Lobby of the Judicial Building will not be designated as a public storm shelter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-019

HUMAN RESOURCES – EMPLOYEE INSURANCE FOR 2024/2025:

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker met with the Board for a decision on the present self-insured insurance the County provides for the employees. The Board agreed to keep the self-insured as the County has with some information to be provided on options that could be reviewed for the plan.

Micah Boulanger will be here at the next meeting with financial reports and also discuss options that may be offered.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. County Treasurer's statement of Idle Funds Investment as of the end of the fourth quarter of 2023.
2. County Clerk/Election Officer request for approval for four (4) employees in her office do to software problems and additional time for special projects, delaying the regular work schedules in the Accounting Office and the Election duties. The total overtime will be \$671.25.
3. American Rescue Plan Administration –

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the request to be presented for a portion of the funding from American Rescue Plan for the period ending December 31, 2023 for \$36,000 to be refunded to the Montgomery County Operating Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-20

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS (Continued):

4. Neighborhood Revitalization –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Neighborhood Revitalizations for 5758 CR 5000 and 5788 CR 3200 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-21

WORK SESSION: 11:00 AM

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker present the information on options on four (4) different options that could be used with our self-funded employee health program. He explained the options and answered question from the department heads. Wellness programs were presented which could lower claim costs if employees participated in these programs. There will be more discussion on the health insurance at the next meeting.

The Work session closed at 12:00 Noon.

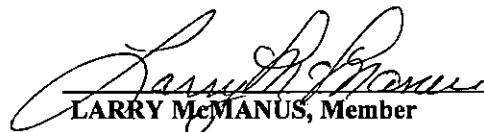
ADJOURNMENT of REGULAR MEETING: 10:55 AM

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

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. 24-016

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

Mike Cordray

Mike Cordray, Chairman

Larry McManus

Larry McManus, Member

Robert E. Bever

Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt

Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

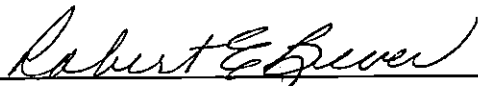
*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever- Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*



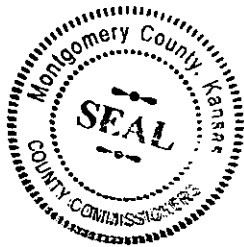
Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

Mike Cordray

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Robert E. Bever

Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-019

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WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever that the Montgomery County Lower Lobby of the Judicial Building will not be designated as a public storm shelter.*

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. 24-020

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

Mike Cordray

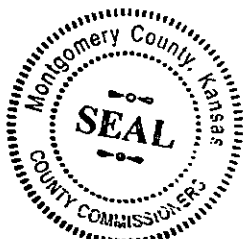
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Robert Bever

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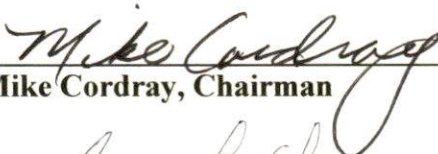
RESOLUTION NO. 24-021

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 5th day of February, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Neighborhood Revitalizations for 5758 CR 5000 and 5788 CR 3200 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County.*

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