

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

February 12, 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: Reverend Melvin Simpson, 1st Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever 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 \$305,158.08 (Prepays), \$28,948.82 (encumbered Mid-Month), \$204,564.19 (Mid-Month) and \$28,948.82 (encumbered Mid-Month) 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 February 5, 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*

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING -REQUEST FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Matt Debo presented a letter to the Board with a request from the Montgomery County Planning Commission for permission to seek out qualified firms to assist with the amending of the current commercial and industrial zoning regulations. A firm was recommendation to help with the project by County Counselor Paul Kritz to amend current zoning regulations to countywide zoning regulations. The Planning Commission is requesting to reach out and speak with different firms to get a brief consultation on each firm and make a recommendation on which firm would best suit Montgomery County.

The Board approve Mr. Debo to check seek out the request on qualified firms.

HUMAN RESOURCES - REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES ACTING AS INDIVIDUAL BOARDS:

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker reported on recent discussions with the Department of Community Corrections and Depart of Corrections Juvenile Services (formerly JJA) on if the counties are combining these departments under one director. He reported only few counties do not have the departments combined and he suggests Director Kenneth Fecke and Director Dennis Webb schedule a work session with the Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright and Associate Public Works Coordinator were present to present the weekly written report. The following items were discussed:

1. Set a road viewing or CR 6200 for March 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM to be held in the Commission Meeting Room –
2. Information regarding the Cost Share Program –
3. Signature required for the intergovernmental Agreement between Montgomery County and Wilson County for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the agreement between Wilson County and Montgomery for the collection of household hazardous waste by the Montgomery County HHW Department and to 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. 24-22

4. Letter from KCAMP regarding our submission for reimbursement under KCAMP Risk Avoidance Grant Program and Montgomery met the criteria for the program and will be receiving a check in the amount of \$2,000 for materials and labor to add handrails at the basement entry doors.

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT – UPDATE ON PROJECTS WITH KWIKOM:

Computer Department Director Jason Clubine and Assistant Drew Achong met with the board to give an update on projects for Sycamore and Cherryvale with portions of the rural area being in progress on work on the broadband by KWIKCOM.

HUMAN RESOURCES – INSURANCE PREMIUMS ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN:

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker presented two options examples on insurance plans for the employee's health plan. After discussion with the Board and explaining each plan, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to adopt Option 1 with the decision on premiums to be set at a later date. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - No
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

RES. NO. 24-23

MICAH BOULANGER MET WITH THE BOARD AND BEN BRUBAKER ON FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE PLAN:

Mr. Boulanger discussed the stop-loss policy presently being \$80,000.00 covering each individual exceeding claims total in over \$80,000. He also suggested cancelling the present Cancer Program the County offers. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to stay with the current Stop-Loss Policy of \$80,000 per claims exceeding the policy amount and to cancel the County Cancer Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-24

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECURITY:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:30 AM for 55 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b12) with the Board, County Clerk, Finance Officer, Under Sheriff Chris Williams, HR Director, Rick Whitson, Jason Clubine, Drew Achony and Sam Alva, Kansas State Cyber security advisor for the Department of Homeland Security present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

We will clear the room with only those named for the Executive Session to remain and there will be no action taken following the executive session and the regular meeting will be closed at that time.

Returned to session at 11:20 AM with no decisions made and no action to be taken.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

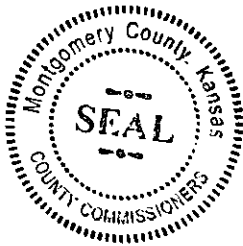
1. Register of Deeds report for January.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 AM

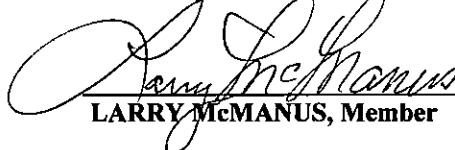
ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Cordray, seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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. 24-022

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 12th day of February, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the agreement between Wilson County and Montgomery for the collection of household hazardous waste by the Montgomery County HHW Department and to 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

Mike Cordray, Chairman

Larry McManus

Larry McManus, Member

Robert Bever

Robert Bever, Member

ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt

Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-023

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 12th day of February, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to adopt Option 1 with the decision on premiums to be set at a later date.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

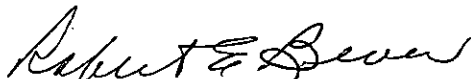
*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever- Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-024

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 12th day of February, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to stay with the current Stop-Loss Policy of \$80,000 per claims exceeding the policy amount and to cancel the County Cancer Program.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

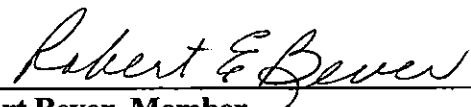
*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever- Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member

ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk