

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

March 4, 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 Bill Booe, Liberty Community Church and Cherryvale Methodist Church. .

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner McManus.

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever 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 MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of February 26, 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*

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**ANNEXATION TO CITY OF INDEPENDENCE:**

Mr. Trevor Bruening met with the Board to discuss annexation from the County into the City of Independence. Environmental Health /Zoning Director Matt Debo and Emergency Manager Rick Whitson were present to report on the parcel being in the flood plain but there will not be a building on the portion that is requested in the annexation.

Commissioner Bever stated he has no problem with the parcel being in the flood plain according to the report given by Mr. Debo and Mr. Whitson and no problem with the annexation but must adhere to county septic regulations and Mr. Debo will issue a letter to Mr. Bruening. Commissioner Cordray and Commissioner McManus agreed with Commissioner Bever.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES -- JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE SERVICES:**

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker met with the Board to present a completed job description for the Deputy Director of Juvenile Services position for their approval. The following action:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the job description as presented by Human Resources for the position of Deputy Director of Juvenile Services. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-030

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

1. Bids for one tractor for the Road & Bridge Department and one pull behind mower for the Road and Bridge Department. Bids were:

**TRACTOR:**

Praireland Partners, Independence, KS	2024 John Deere 6120M	\$118,339.41
	2024 John Deere 6120E	\$ 89,886.97
	2024 John Deere 5120M	\$ 79,047.84

Thomas Implement, Altamont, KS	2024 Case Vestrum 120	\$119,500.00
	2024 Case Vestrum 120C	\$ 98,000.00

Lang Diesel, Chanute, KS	2023 Massey Ferguson 6713	\$ 96,582.00
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Heartland Tractor, Iola, KS	Maxxum 125	\$147,500.00
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**MOWER:**

Thomas Implement, Altamont, KS	Bush Hog 4110	\$ 24,600.00
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Lang Diesel, Chanute, KS	2024 Rino 4105	\$ 27,889.00
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**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of one (1) tractor for Road and Bridge Department from Praireland Partners, Independence, KS in the amount of \$79,047.84. Debit Fund 2.102.4351 and purchase one (1) pull behind mower for Road and Bridge Department from Thomas Implement, Altamont, KS in the amount of \$24,600.00. Debit Fund 2.102.4351. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 23-031

2. Report from Atmos Energy regarding movement of gas lines for the Buckeye Project (KDOT Project No. 63-C-5128-01

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**SEK AREA AGENCY ON AGING – REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:**

Ms. Kathy Brennon, Director of SEK Area Agency on Aging met with the Board to give an update on activities and services of the Agency. An invitation was extended to the Board members for the Open House, on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

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**COMMISSIONER BEVER – JOB POSITION:**

Commissioner Bever presented a resolution to the Board establishing the position of Montgomery County Administrator. Mr. Bever read the resolution to be voted on by the Board. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever for the Board to establish a position as Montgomery County Administrator and the Commissioners shall appoint to fill the position within six months following the effective date of this resolution which will be in force from and after its adoption provided by law. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 24-032

**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Amend Resolution 23-195 to approve the transfer of funds classified from the Sheriff's American Rescue Plan for Medical to Security and supplies due to the economic impact of Covid.  
**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to amend Resolution No. 23-195 to approve the transfer of fund classified from the Sheriff's American Rescue Plan for Medical to Security and supplies due to the economic impact of COVID. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES. NO. 24-233  
(Amending 23-195)*

2. Mr. Andy Taylor spoke to the Board regarding the appointment of a Montgomery County Administrator.
3. Fred Gress, Montgomery County Financial Office reported on Marcie Roberts and the Coalition and the 501C3 they have been working on.

He also presented information on the Opioid funding received by the County and presented a request for approval of services in the amount of \$55,000 for 4-County Mental Health to be paid from this funding. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the 4-County Mental Health Services being provided in the Department of Corrections to inmates, in the amount of \$55,000 from the Opioid funds received by the County to fight the drug problems. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

*RES. NO. 24-034*

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**ADJOURNMENT: 10:07 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**

  
MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman

  
LARRY McMANUS, Member

  
ROBERT BEVER, Member



**ATTEST:**

  
County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-032A**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.


**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the job description as presented by Human Resources for the position of Deputy Director of Juvenile Services.*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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


  
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Mike Cordray, Chairman

  
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Larry McManus, Member

  
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Robert Bever, Member



**ATTEST:**

  
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Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-033**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of one (1) tractor for Road and Bridge Department from Prairieland Partners, Independence, KS in the amount of \$79,047.84. Debit Fund 2.102.4351 and purchase one (1) pull behind mower for Road and Bridge Department from Thomas Implement, Altamont, KS in the amount of \$24,600.00. Debit Fund 2.102.4351.*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

  
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**Mike Cordray, Chairman**

  
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**Larry McManus, Member**

  
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**Robert Bever, Member**



  
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**Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-034

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever for the Board to establish a position as Montgomery County Administrator and the Commissioners shall appoint to fill the position within six months following the effective date of this resolution which will be in force from and after its adoption provided by law.*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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


  
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Mike Cordray, Chairman

  
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Larry McManus, Member

  
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Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:

  
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Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-034

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS.**

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-101 *et seq.* authorizes counties within Kansas to exercise the powers of home rule in order to transact county business and perform powers of local legislation and administration as deemed appropriate by such county; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-3a02 authorizes the board of county commissioners of any county to adopt a resolution establishing the office of county administrator; and

WHEREAS, the board of county commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas, finds it in in the best interests of Montgomery County to establish the position of county administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The position of county administrator for Montgomery County is hereby established.

Section 2. The county administrator shall be the chief administrative officer of Montgomery County and shall have the powers and duties, and be subject to the limitations, as set forth in K.S.A. 19-3a04.

Section 3. The human resources officer is authorized to develop a job description for the position of county administrator.

Section 4. The compensation of the county administrator shall be determined by the board of county commissioners.

Section 5. The board of commissioners shall appoint a county administrator within six months following the effective date of this resolution, as required by K.S.A. 19-3a03(a).

Section 6. This resolution shall be in force from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Mike Cordray  
Mike Cordray, Chairman

Robert E. Bever  
Robert Bever, Commissioner

Larry McManus  
Larry McManus, Commissioner



ATTEST:

Charlotte A. Schmidt  
Charlotte A. Schmidt  
County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 24-035

*Amend 23-195*

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner *Bever* to amend Resolution No. 23-195 to approve the transfer of fund classified from the Sheriff's American Rescue Plan for Medical to Security and supplies due to the economic impact of Covid. Motion was seconded by Commissioner *Cordray*.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-036**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the 4-County Mental Health Services being provided in the Department of Corrections to inmates, in the amount of \$55,000 from the Opioid funds received by the County to fight the drug problems.*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

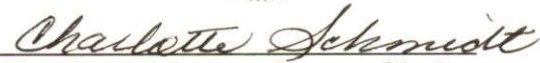
  
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**Mike Cordray, Chairman**

  
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**Larry McManus, Member**

  
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**Robert Bever, Member**



**ATTEST:**

  
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**Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk**