

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

April 1, 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 Doug Mund, Grace Fellowship Church, Coffeyville, KS

**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 PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$52,732.44 American Rescue Plan for Elk City, KS as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*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 March 21, 2024 and March 25, 2024 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE DIST. #1 REQUEST TO BID PUMPS FOR TRUCKS:**

MCRF#1 District Fire Chief Rick Whitson met with the Board to report on there being several fires during the weekend. Due to the excessive fires, Independence Station, Cherryvale Station and Sycamore Station had pumps "lock up" and requested approve to solicit bids for five (5) pumps. This would replace the three stations pumps and they would have two (2) spare pumps when needed and for emergencies. The Board approve the request for MCRF#1 to receive bids for five (5) pumps.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

1. Bids for the filling of the monitoring wells at the old landfill. Bids were as followed:

KW Oil Well Service, Chanute, KS                      \$4,900.00

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to fill the monitoring wells at the old landfill and approve and award the bid from KW Oil Well Service, Chanute, KS in the amount of \$4,900.00. Debit Fund 23 – Waste Disposal. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

*RES. NO. 24-047*

2. Letter from Elite Engineering Services regarding Special LWC/Culvert Inspection on 6200 Rd Mile 24 in Montgomery County fir safety. After the inspection was conducted the Engineering Firm recommended the culvert be removed and replace the concrete slab deck or close the road to traffic.

The Board discussed the road and the letter on the inspection,with Mr. Wright and Mr. Beurskens. The cost and the usage of the road was also discussed and the following action was taken:

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to close the Low Water Crossing on Montgomery County Road 6200 Mile 24. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

*RES. NO. 24-048*

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**HUMAN RESOURCES – EDMANS GEO TECH REPORT:**

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker presented information on the Tax and Accounting System Review. He presented a cost analysis on Komtek, Tyler, and Edmund software for comparison in expenses. He also provided information on department useage in the county offices.

The Board had several questions regarding the cost and the advantages of the system on the services they offer. Commissioner Bever asked several departments in attendance if they had any comments or questions. Questions came up regarding the Register of Deeds and a program they use in their department and may not be provided by Edmans and also the payroll not being provided by Edmans. Mr. Brubaker will continue working with Edmans on the questions the Board would like to have more information. No action was taken at this time.

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**Recessed at 10:00 AM and returned at 10:05 AM.**

**FINANCIAL OFFICER – DRAFT COPY OF FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY:**

Financial Officer Fred Gress presented a draft copy of a Financial Policy for Montgomery County. The Policy is required for a grant that has been applied for by the Montgomery County Attorney’s Office. Mr. Gress had provided copies to all departments and asked for their comments and or questions on the policy. There was very little response by the departments and it was requested for each department to again read the policies and replot to the Financial Officer if they have any questions or comments. The policy booklet covers many policies for the County.

There will be a work session on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM for a final review of the Financial Policies.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:35 AM to return at 10:50 AM with the Board present to discuss non-elected personnel, KSA 75-4319 (b). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Returned to session at 10:50 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

No other county business.

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**ADJOURNMENT: 11:00 AM**

**RETURNED TO WORK SESSION AT 11:05 AM:**


The work session was for discussion on security in the County buildings and what and if is needed. The work session closed with no decisions and no action to be taken

**ACTION:** *Motion by Commissioner Cordray, 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. 24-47**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of April, 2024.

**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to fill the monitoring wells at the old landfill and approve and award the bid from KW Oil Well Service, Chanute, KS in the amount of \$4,900.00. Debit Fund 23 – Waste Disposal.*

*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. 24-48**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2024.


**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to close the Low Water Crossing on Montgomery County Road 6200 Mile 24.*

*The 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