

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

April 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 Cordray

INVOCATION: Reverend Daniel Knight, Bible Baptist Church, 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 McManus.*

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$328,201.33 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*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the minutes of April 1, 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 – TAX & ACCOUNTING SYSTEM REVIEW:

Human Resource Director Ben Brubaker presented a review on the tax and accounting system as discussed in a previous meeting. The systems reviewed was Komtek, Tyler and Edmund GovTech. The Edmund Gov.Tech System was discussed and the departments using the system will be Treasurer, Clerk, Appraiser, Finance, HR, Public Works, Environmental Health, Sheriff's Office and Department heads budgeting. The first year cost will be \$227,720.00 with an annual fee of \$112,970 and would be a three (3) year contract.

After discussion the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and the contract between Montgomery County and Edmunds GovTec entering into a three (3) year contract, the first year \$227,720.00 and the annual fee of \$112,970.00, and requested the contract require the signatures of the three (3) Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-049

RON WOOD, ROYCE GUHR & KURT BELT – RV PARK LOCATION - HWY 160:

Mr. Ron Wade, Mr. Royce Guhr and Mr. Kurt Belt appeared before the Board on the application for a conditional use permit filed by Mr. Steve Lindsey for a RV Park in their neighborhood. Opposition of the issuance of a conditional use permit by residents in the neighborhood were heard by the Board of County Commissioners. A copy of the Findings of Fact by the Montgomery County Planning Commission has been completed and the Planning Commission voted to approve the issuance to the proposed conditional use permit. This was approved upon “the conditions update the curfew portion in the rental agreement, and no junk or abandoned recreational vehicle, campers and automobiles”. No action was taken following this discussion.

LOW WATER CROSSING CLOSURE:

Mr. Leroy (Rusty) Duke met with the Board to express the concerns of the residents and the group of residents attending this meeting, by closing the low water crossing on CR 6200 mile 24. The residents are concerned with the extra travel time by taking another route and the especially of an emergency and the extra time they can get a response. The number of vehicles traveling this road was also discussed. Speaking also for the residents was Rachel Henry and Robert Keal. No action was taken following this discussion.

**Recessed at 10:05 AM
Returned at 10:10 AM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Execution Session at 10:12 AM to return at 10:22 AM with the Board and HR Director present to discuss non-elected personnel*

KSA 75-4913 (b1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever – Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Yes

Returned to session at 10:22 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executives Session at 10:25 AM to return at 10:35 AM with the Board, HR Director, Sheriff Wade, Undersheriff Chris Williams and Patrol Lt. Jeromy Hunsucker present to discuss non-elected personnel KSA 75-4913 (b1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever – Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Yes

Returned to session at 10:35 AM with a motion by Commissioner Cordray, seconded by Commissioner Bever with Commissioner McManus voting yes to extend the session until 10:45 AM.

Returned to session at 10:45 AM stating no decisions and no action to be taken.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE DIST. #1 – PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK:

Montgomery County District Rural Fire District #1 Chief Rick Whitson presented a request to purchase a 2005 Pierce Dash 750 gallon pumper truck in the amount of \$19,700.00 for the Cherryvale Station. Mr. Whitson presented a picture with information on the truck to the Board. The truck would be picked up at St. Joseph, MO. The following action was taken:

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of a 2005 Pierce Dash pumper truck for the Montgomery County Rural Fire District #1 to be picked up in St. Joseph, MO. The price of the truck is \$19,700.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever – Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Yes

RES. NO. 24-050

MCRF#1 (Continued):

Mr. Whitson reported on the Emergency Tank Force from Independence MCRF#1 and Coffeyville City going to Riley County to help with fire out of control and a request for assistance to fire departments had been ordered by the Governor. Trucks from the Havana, Cherryvale, Independence and Liberty Stations went from MCRF#1 and also trucks from Coffeyville and Neodesha.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:55 AM to return at 11:05 AM with the Board 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 11:05 AM with a motion by Commissioner Cordray, seconded by Commissioner Bever with Commissioner McManus voting yes to extend the session until 11:10 AM.

Returned to session at 11:10 AM with a motion by Commissioner Bever, seconded by Commissioner McManus with Commissioner Cordray voting yes to extend the session until 11:15 AM.

Returned to session at 11:15 AM stating no decisions and no action to be taken.

FINANCIAL OFFICER – DISCUSSION ON CELL PHONES:

Financial Officer Fred Gress presented information on county cell phones and personal cell phones. The number of cell phones being issued to county employees and some personal cell phones the county is reimbursing the employee for time they are used for county business was discussed. The question was asked by Emergency Manager Rick Whitson if the county would reimburse his two employees for the use of their personal phones as he is reimbursed for his at \$67.11 each month. After discussion on the reimbursements, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve a reimbursement for the use of personal phone also used for county business to \$50.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-051

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. County Clerk's March Report
2. Rural Water District #14 – Will be contacted by Yerkes on the American Rescue and the expenditure deadline.
3. MCEDA discussion on idle funds remaining-
4. Discussion on LATCH Grant funds -
5. Neighborhood Revitalization –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the Neighborhood Revitalization Application for 1700 West Main St., Independence, KS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-052

ADJOURNMENT: 11:40 AM

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

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

Chairman opened the Work Session – 11:50 AM. The items discussed:


1. Emergency Manager Rick Whitson on sirens in the small cities. There was also discussion on cementing the floor of the Quonset Hut for storage of County Health’s trailer.
2. Public Works Jim Wright – Road 6200 Mile 26, Low water crossing.
3. County Treasurer Nancy Clubine went over the investment policy for which she is responsible for.

The Chairman closed the work session at 1:20 PM.

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MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman



LARRY McMANUS, Member



ROBERT BEVER, Member



ATTEST:



County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-49

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

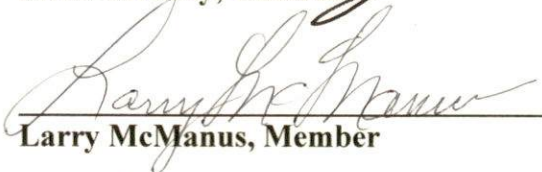
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Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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



Mike Cordray, Chairman




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Robert Bever, Member



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Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*



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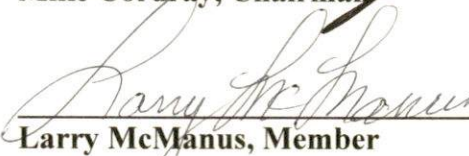
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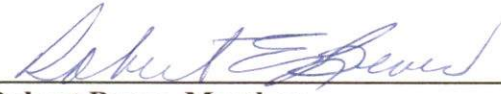
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ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

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April 4, 2024

SPECIAL WORK SESSION:

The Board of County Commissioners, two members and the County Clerk present, met in special work session at 9:00 AM. Commissioner McManus absent.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cordray

The work session was for the review of the Financial Policies and presented by the Montgomery County Financial Officer. The policies are important when applying for Grant funding. Several department heads were in attendance for the work session. The departments were provided with copies of the policies prior to the meeting and asked to reply to the Financial Officer if any questions or comments. The questions were discussed at the meeting and also several comments were also discussed. No decisions made.


ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 AM

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

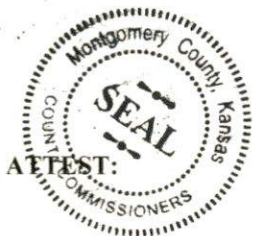
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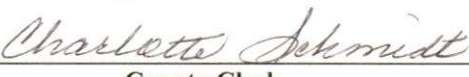
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