

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

March 21, 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: Commissioner Bever.

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 Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$192,171.95 (Prepays and Employee benefits) and \$1,800 American Rescue Plan funds to MCAC 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 March 11, 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*

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chairman read a letter addressed to the Board from a Concerned Citizen on taxes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL (SHERIFF RON WADE):

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:05 AM to return at 9:10 AM with the Board, Sheriff Wade and HR Director Ben Brubaker present to discuss non-elected personnel (KSA 75-4319 (b1)). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Returned to session at 9:10 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

A report was given on the increase for the cost of vehicles for the Sheriff's Office to \$53,000 per vehicle.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE:

Montgomery County Rural Fire District Fire Chief Rick Whitson met with the Board and requested the effective date be changed from January 1, 2024 to December 1, 2023 for the increases to go into effect. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to increase the Montgomery County Rural Fire District No. 1 first responders from \$15.00 per incident to \$17.50 per incident, and the seven (7) Fire Chiefs to be increased from \$150.00 per month to \$250.00 per month effective December 1, 2023. The one-time check at the end of the year based on number of responses ends when these increases become effective. This motion takes the place of Res. No. 24-018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-041

Mr. Whitson presented a cost for truck repairs in the amount of \$3,721.48. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request presented for the payment of repairs to a fire department truck in the amount of \$3,721.48. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-042

HUMAN RESOURCES – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOB POSTING:

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker discussed the job posting for the County Administration and length of time for the position to be posted. The position will be posted for 30 days and all applications the County receives will go to the Chairman.

COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR – USE OF OPIOID FUNDS:

County Health Director Brandee Kirk presented information to the Board regarding a new drug mixed with Fentanyl that has appeared in the United States and is very toxic but she has no reports of it being in Kansas as of this time. The request was made to the Board for approval to use Opioid funds for testing to gain the knowledge of if it is present in Kansas. The Board approved the County Health Director's request for use of the Opioid funds for this testing.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Dust inhibitor information and application forms being mailed out.
2. Bids for the excavator tracks –

Berry Tractor, Wichita, KS	\$12,087.20
VLP, Kansas City, MO	\$12,513.28
Murphy Tractor, Park City, KS	\$12,038.54
Foley Equipment, Wichita, KS	\$11,840.38

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept the low bid from Foley Equipment, Wichita, KS in the amount of \$11,840.38 for excavator tracks to be paid from Road & Bridge Fund 2.102.3431. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Res. No. 24-043

PUBLIC WORKS (Continued):

3. The Board approved to continuing with the Cost Share Application.
4. Atmos Invoice – Gas Main Location Contract.
ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize the Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright to sign the contract between Atmos Energy and Montgomery County for the relocation of a main line for the Buckeye Project with County share to be \$344,697.31. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-044

PRESENTATION BY EDMANS GOV. TECH:

A presentation was made by Edmans Sales Representative Jim Mitchell on their accounting software and provided information on their company. He will also meet with departments representatives to demonstrate their features and programs that would be used by the County. No action was taken at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING:

Environmental Health/Zoning Director met with the Board to discuss the Montgomery County Sanitary Code and to answer any questions or concerns from the Board. .

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Cereal Malt Beverage License for Caney Valley Speedway –
ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the issuance of a renewal of their Cereal Malt Beverage License for Caney Valley Speedway. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 24-45

2. Financial Officer Fred Gress requested approval to attend budget training workshop at Pittsburg and certain departments that may attend. The cost is \$100.00 each and the individuals attending must be involved in the budgets for their department. The cost will be paid from the departments current budget. The Board approved the request .
3. There will be a conference in April in Salina for Coroners. The Board approved for the Montgomery County District Coroner to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:10 AM

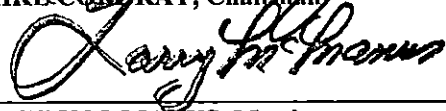
ACTION: *Motion by Commissioner Bever, seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

The meeting closed at 11:10 AM and a short work session began immediately following the meeting. The work session closed at 11:35 AM.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS


MIKE COBERAY, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:




County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-45

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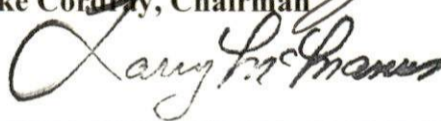
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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:


Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-44

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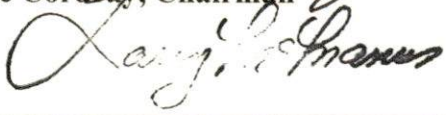
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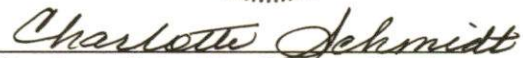
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ATTEST:



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RESOLUTION NO. 24-43

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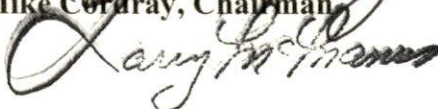
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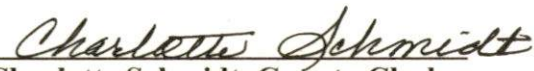
Larry McManus, Member



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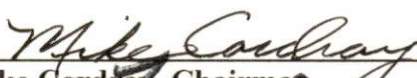
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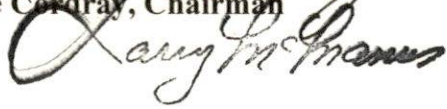
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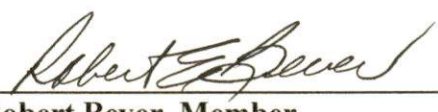
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Commissioner Cordray- Yes*



Mike Cordray, Chairman



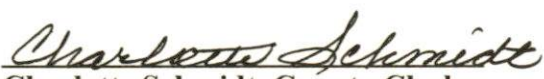
Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 41

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