

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

September 16, 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.

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*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 Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$187,009.27 (Mid-Month), \$101,545.18 (CDBG Loan Program), \$24,029.00 American Rescue Plan Montgomery County Action Council and \$5,860.51 American Rescue Plan for Liberty City, KS 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*

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of September 6, 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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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Brandon Beurskens, Interim Public Works Coordinator presented the weekly written report to the Board. The following items were discussed:

1. LPA Bridge 527A located on 2500 Road, 1.7 mile west and 0.5 North of Bolton was selected for funding by Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Projects. This funding is a part of the KDOT Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 Off System Bridge Program. The amount of funding for the project is \$1,000,000.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever the Board approve the completion of the Pre-Project Certificate Program offered through the University of Kansas Transportation Center on Bridge LPA Bridge 527A located on 2500 Road for FY 2026 and after completion the Interim Public Works Coordinator Brandon Beurskens submit the required documents of successful completion to KDOT BLP and the completed Request for Construction Project, 1302 form to KDOT. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

**PUBLIC WORKS (Continued):**

2. Presented a letter from KDOT regarding the Local Bridge Improvement Program notifying Montgomery County they would not receive any funding through this project.
3. Discussed the KDOT Cost Share Program.
4. Gave an update on the Buckeye Project.

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**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL WORK SESSION – INSURANCE:**

County Administrator Jonathan Booe presented a request to the Board for a special work session to be held to review bids for insurance brokers. The Board approved a special work session for Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. The County Clerk will notify the media of the meeting.

He also discussed the estimated on the gate at the County Barn at an estimated cost of \$30,000. Mr. Booe will check on the cost to have it installed.

The documents have been signed and Mr. Booe was asked to proceed with new doors at the detention facility at an estimated cost of \$335,000.

An update was given on the security lights at the County Health Department in Coffeyville.

**Executive Session:**

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:37 AM to return at 9:52 AM with the Board and County Administrator 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 with a motion by Commissioner Bever and seconded by Commissioner Cordray with Commissioner McManus voting yes for an extension from 9:52 AM to 10:02 AM.

Returned at 10:02 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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**EBMS INSURANCE – MICAH BOULANGER:**

Micah Boulanger met with the Board to give an update on the health insurance policies in force for the County employees. He compared the rebates that were given in 2022/2023 on prescriptions was \$120,000 and in 2023/2024 the rebate was \$166,000. He provided statistics on individual category charges in the County policy for 2024/2025 insurance year. He will return on Wednesday for the Special Meeting and presentation of his company's bid for insurance broker for Montgomery County.

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Request by the County Election Office for approval to dispose of ballots from the 2022 election as per election statutes on retention of ballots. The request was approved by the Board. The following action was taken:

***ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the destruction of election ballots for the year 2022 as presented by the County Election Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES. NO. 24-132*

2. An update on the American Rescue Plan funds that have not be used by entities was reviewed and discussed. The entities will be reminded by letter of their balance of funds still available.
3. Reviewed the financing schedule for October on the Bartlett Grain Project Industrial Revenue Bonds.

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ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 AM

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

*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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County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-131**

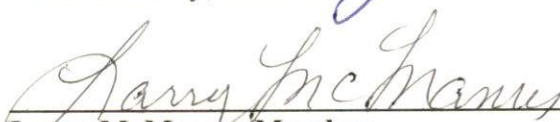
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**ATTEST:**

  
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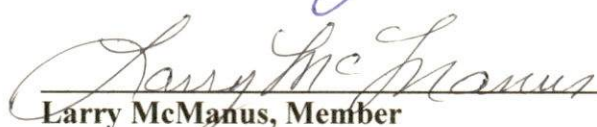
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Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk