

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

September 3, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 6:00 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Cordray.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Renita Butler, Friends Evangelical Church, Independence.

**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 McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$13,415.3 Election and \$1,153.27 Postage Machine. Invoices for American Rescue Plan for \$284,894.76 Rural Water District No. 6 and \$1,522.21 for Verdigris Drainage District No. 3 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 August 26, 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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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter on Southeast Kansas District Fall Meeting at Crawford County on September 19, 2024.
2. Letter from Kansas Historical Society advising the Prairie Oil and Gas Company Building (200 Arco Pl., Independence, Kansas has been placed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 5, 2024.
3. Letter from Kansas Historical Society advising the Mac Wesley Chapel (2696 County Rd. 4500) Coffeyville, Kansas will be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to and listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places at their next meeting on October 5, 2024.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works Interim Public Works Coordinator Brandon Beurskens met with the Board to request approval to receive bids for four (4) sets of new grader tires. The request was approved by the Board.

Mr. Beurskens also gave an update on the Buckeye St. Project at Coffeyville.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – REIMBURSEMENT BUDGET ON KDOC:**

14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Director Dennis Webb presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Summary for the Boards approval. The total carryover reimbursement is \$77,158.17. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Summary for the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Department and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-121

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**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH ARNOLD GROUP:**

County Administrator Jonathan Booe presented a letter of engagement between Montgomery County and The Arnold Group for authorization for services for a one, two or three year contact to begin workforce solutions and consulting services. Mr. Booe explained and discussed the services of The Arnold Group with the Board and the following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve a three (3) year contract with The Arnold Group for consulting services at a fee of \$5,407.00 annually and authorized the County Administrator Jonathan Booe to sign the contract on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-122

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The Chairman opened the meeting to the public for questions regarding the Montgomery County 2025 Budget. The official Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at 9:05 AM.

The 2025 Montgomery County Budget was addressed to begin the session by Montgomery County Financial Officer Fred Gress. Mr. Gress, Montgomery County Administrator Jonathan Booe and the Board of County Commissioners responded to the questions on the mill levy and explained the Revenue Neutral rate and the County is below the RNR set by the State of Kansas based on the County valuations for 2024 and 2025 budget and the total dollar amount levied in taxes.

The levy being set for the 2025 budget is 41.817 mills producing \$16,894,549.00 in taxes and the final levy for 2024 budget was 44.196 mills producing \$16,910,407.00

Montgomery County Rural Fire District #1 levy for 2025 is 2.847 mills, producing \$679,834.00 in taxes and the final levy for 2024 budget was 2.996 mills producing \$674,855.00.

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Neighborhood Revitalization – 3783 CR 3850, Independence and 10 N. Havana Lake Rd., Havana, KS.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Applications for 3783 CR 3850, Independence and 10 N. Havana Lake Rd, Havana, KS and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-123

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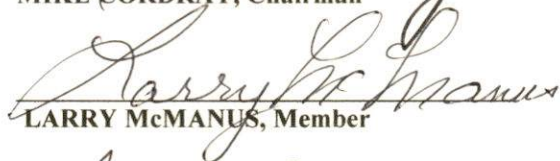
ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 PM

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

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Commissioner McManus – Yes  
Commissioner Cordray- Yes

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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LARRY McMANUS, Member

  
ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:



  
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