

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

February 10, 2025

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 Bever

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

STOP LOSS UPDATE – ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, KORI WHITE

The stop loss carrier was unable to provide final numbers, as they were awaiting claims data from the end of January, which they received last week. It is expected to have the final stop loss numbers ready for the next meeting.

Regarding the Prescription Drug Management (PDM) with Lavinity, Bukady was preparing a one-year agreement, which was scheduled to be reviewed after the in-person meeting. It was discovered that, with each prescription bill, \$8 went to Lavinity, \$2.50 to VMs, and \$0.75 to an entity called Leave Health. The county was unaware of the payments to Leave Health, as this arrangement was set up by the previous broker. As a result, it has been decided to discontinue payments to Leave Health, which would save approximately \$0.75 per prescription.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

Independence City Manager, Kelly Passeur provided an update on the neighborhood revitalization plan, explaining the changes and the overall structure. The current revitalization plan, which included various districts and the airport area, was being modified to encompass all city limits, excluding properties in the 100-year floodplain. This modification required cooperation with the county, the college, and the USD to establish a new interlocal agreement. The revised plan aimed to replace eight separate neighborhood revitalization plans with a streamlined, consistent document. This expansion would increase eligibility for more neighborhoods, support economic growth, encourage investment in residential, commercial, and industrial properties, and address blight. It would also promote historic preservation, particularly for aging housing stock, as 40% of the city's housing had been built before 1939. Importantly, there would be no loss in current tax revenue, as the program only provided tax rebates on the increased property value after improvements. Existing tax revenues would remain unchanged, and future tax revenues would rise due to the revitalization efforts.

Kelly noted that Montgomery County's plan served as the foundation for the new plan, with the county receiving a 5% administrative fee. The agreement would last for 10 years, with scheduled reviews before renewal or modification. The county was expected to determine eligibility for projects under the new plan, ensuring consistency between city and county residents. Changes also included a provision for properties on the Historic

Register, which would be eligible for a 10-year rebate at 100% of the increased value. Areas within the 100-year floodplain were excluded to align with FEMA requirements, but properties partially in the floodplain could still develop in non-floodplain areas. Additionally, new provisions were added regarding delinquency, with permanent exclusion after a second delinquency.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Interlocal Agreement pending Adoption by the City of Independence, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Res. 25-030

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Mr. Fowler, a constituent from Lewisburg Township, provided a brief overview of his concerns, starting with the dissolution of the RCMP (River Conservation and Management Program) board, which had ceased functioning due to lack of participation. The board, which had once met regularly to discuss erosion issues, had been inactive for several years and had no members remaining. The remaining funds in the account were being closed out. Mr. Fowler emphasized the importance of maintaining resource conservation and management for the riverbanks and county infrastructure, especially given the tax funding the program had received. He expressed concern that the regional board had been dissolved, and he urged the county administrator to investigate the situation with the state to understand where the district stood and whether funding was still being allocated. He also noted that the county had previously benefited from representatives like Mr. Black, who had served on the board, and was hopeful the administrator would look into the matter further.

Mr. Fowler raised additional concerns about erosion on Black Dog County Road, which was being exacerbated by flooding from the Corps of Engineers' operations. He explained that the only access route to his area required traveling five miles in each direction due to road damage. Despite ongoing discussions with the Corps, Wildlife and Parks, and other officials, no solutions had been found. He stressed the urgency of addressing this issue as the erosion continued to worsen, which could lead to more significant damage. Lastly, Mr. Fowler pointed out discrepancies in funding and management related to Wildlife and Parks, which was benefiting from Montgomery County's land but failing to address the issues on the ground. He requested that the county administrator investigate how funds were being used by these agencies, ensuring transparency and accountability.

The commissioners acknowledged Mr. Fowler's concerns, noting that they would look into the status of the RCMP board and the issues related to the road erosion. They also agreed to follow up with the Corps of Engineers and Wildlife and Parks to gather more information and provide answers to Mr. Fowler's questions.

PARKER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE AND TREASURER APPOINTMENT

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to appoint Mike Reeves as Parker Township Trustee and Mereda Rucker as Parker Township Treasurer in accordance to K.S.A. 25.1606. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Res. 25-031

JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SERVICES

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the bid from Rob Eisenhart. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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

Res. 25-032

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the bid from Its your move in the amount of \$4,200.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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

Res. 25-033

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray for the Board to go into Executive Session with County Administrator, Jonathan Booe over non-elected Personnel K.S.A. 75-4319 (b1). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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

Executive Session started at 9:44 AM

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray for the Board to extend the Executive Session with County Administrator, Jonathan Booe over non-elected Personnel K.S.A. 75-4319 (b1) by 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

ended at 10:14 AM.

OTHER BUSSINES

Monthly Report from Register of Deeds: Total disbursements

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 AM

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

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

WORK SESSION

Opened Work Session at 10:32 AM

Items discussed:
Grades
Certifications for employees
4% KPERS
Health Insurance

Work Session Closed at 12:37PM

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS


MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman


PHIL CLUBINE, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member



ATTEST:


Christy Jones, Deputy County Clerk


RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 030

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 10th day of February, 2025

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Interlocal Agreement pending Adoption by the City of Independence, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

ROLL CALL VOTE -

*Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner Cordray - Yes
Commissioner Clubine- Yes*



Robert E. Bever

Robert Bever, Member

Mike Cordray

Mike Cordray, Chairman

Phil Clubine

Phil Clubine, Member

ATTEST:

Ami Standridge

Ami Standridge, County Clerk

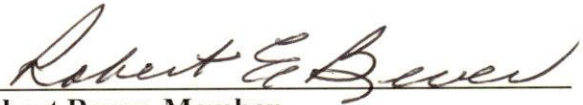
RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 031

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 10th day of February, 2025

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to appoint Mike Reeves as Parker Township Trustee and Mereda Rucker as Parker Township Treasurer in accordance to K.S.A. 25.1606. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

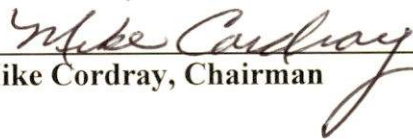
ROLL CALL VOTE -

Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner Cordray - Yes
Commissioner Clubine - Yes

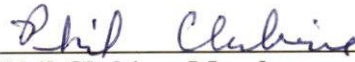


Robert Bever, Member





Mike Cordray, Chairman



Phil Clubine, Member

ATTEST:


Ami Standridge, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 032

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 10th day of February, 2025

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the bid from Rob Eisenhart. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine..

ROLL CALL VOTE -

Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner Cordray - Yes
Commissioner Clubine- Yes


Robert Bever, Member




Mike Cordray, Chairman


Phil Clubine, Member

ATTEST:


Ami Standridge, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 033

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 3rd day of February, 2025

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the bid from Its your move in the amount of \$4,200.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

ROLL CALL VOTE -

*Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner Cordray - Yes
Commissioner Clubine - Yes*




Robert Bever, Member





Mike Cordray, Chairman



Phil Clubine, Member

ATTEST:



Ami Standridge, County Clerk