

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

March 10th, 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 Cordray

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

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

MIKE BLAES- NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION EXTENSION

The owners purchased property at 4833 County Road 5165 with plans to build a new house. They were informed that an application for the neighborhood revitalization plan had to be submitted before starting any improvements. After cleaning up the overgrown property, construction on a garage apartment began in December 2022. The owners then put their house at 4209 County Road on the market, but due to its proximity to an industrial park, it remained unsold for over a year and a half. After securing a contract, construction on the new house began in June 2024, and the owners moved into the garage apartment. Despite delays, the new house was completed in September 2024, and the owners moved in during Thanksgiving. They requested an extension due to external challenges, including the impact of the industrial park on property value and delays in the approval process.

2-OLD BUSINESS-

2.A- REVIEW & SIGN NUESYNERGY AGREEMENT FOR FSA

ACTION: *A motion by Commissioner Bever for the Chairman to sign the NueSynergy Agreement for FSA for 2025-2026 on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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

Res. 25-039

2.B- APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW SKID UNIT

ACTION: *A motion by Commissioner Clubine to purchase the QTAC 85 gallon Skid Unit in the amount of \$5695. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Res. 25-040

2.C- APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW WATER TRUCK

ACTION: *A motion by Commissioner Bever to accept the Bid from Custom Truck One Source from the Special Equipment fund in the amount of \$141,975. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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

Res. 25-041

3.D- IT QUARTERLY REPORT

The department provided an overview of recent activities and ongoing projects, focusing on various initiatives since January 22. A key tool used for tracking work was the internal ticketing system, which had been reactivated after a period of inactivity. From January 22 to March 1, the team processed 90 tickets over 24 working days, covering routine tasks such as software issues, phone system maintenance, and network cable installations. Significant projects included relocating J.A. to a new building, assisting the county clerk with rearrangements, and evaluating new phone systems, with some vendors already providing demo phones. Additionally, improvements were made to the county's file server by adding file restoration capabilities. The department is currently working on several ongoing initiatives, including the streaming of commission meetings, improving laptop documentation, and replacing outdated equipment. Efforts to replace the current phone system, which has been in place for 20 years, are underway, with the aim of transitioning to a more modern system that will no longer rely on outdated copper lines. This would significantly improve functionality and reduce costs. The department is also collaborating with multiple vendors to upgrade its cybersecurity infrastructure. Proposals are being reviewed, and a hybrid model approach is being considered, where the department will work closely with vendors to develop and manage the program. Furthermore, the department is working on implementing machine virtualization and improving user training programs, especially in areas like phishing prevention, which is a major concern for cybersecurity. The department is attending the local government Cyber Security Summit in April, continuing to develop its cybersecurity measures, and improving policy and documentation processes. Regarding grants, the department applied for three grants related to cybersecurity, the replacement of Windows 10 computers, and network infrastructure improvements, all of which must be completed by March 2026. These projects are progressing, with one vendor proposal for cybersecurity already finalized and another proposal pending. The department is also exploring new options for internet and phone services, looking to lower monthly costs by switching to a new fiber provider and phone system. Future projects include a comprehensive overhaul of the county's Windows domain configuration and continued cybersecurity improvements. The department is also considering options for grant funding to support these projects, with a focus on completing the upgrades and improvements by 2025.

Commissioner Clubine departed at 10:37 AM.

-OTHER BUSINESS-

5.A- DISCUSS THE PARKING LOT PROPOSAL CHANGES

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to accept Option 3 where the third handicap stall would be turn into a Clerk office spot. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Res. 25-044

5.B- APPROVAL OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION APPLICATION FOR 5147 CR 2200 COFFEYVILLE, KS 67337

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to accept the Neighborhood Revitalization Application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Res. 25-045

5.C- UPDATE ON SPECIFIC MILL LEVY CORRECTIONS

Approximately two months ago, the County Treasurer brought to the team's attention an issue regarding tax statements. After the tax statements were sent out, several individuals came in to pay their taxes, and overpayment flags were being raised. The cause of this was unclear at first, but upon investigation, it was found that USD 461 and USD 484 had mistakenly applied two different mill levies that exceeded the standard 20%. One mill levy was listed at 20.066%, and the other was at 20.1%. To correct this, the team contacted Wilson County and had the levies recalculated to the proper flat 20%. The cost for these corrections amounted to approximately \$4,500. Since the error originated with Wilson County, the team reached out to the Wilson County Administrator to bring the issue to their attention and requested that Wilson County cover the \$4,500 charge incurred due to the error. The Wilson County Administrator agreed to cover the cost. The necessary documentation, including the meeting minutes, was provided to the County Administrator. The corrections were made in-house and will be sent to Wilson County when necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 039

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

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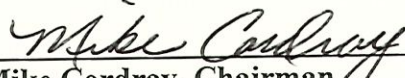
ROLL CALL VOTE -

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

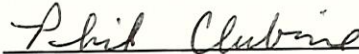


Robert Bever, Member





Mike Cordray, Chairman



Phil Clubine, Member

ATTEST:



Ami Standridge, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 040

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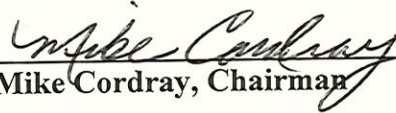
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ROLL CALL VOTE -

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Commissioner Cordray - Yes
Commissioner Clubine- Yes



Robert Bever, Member



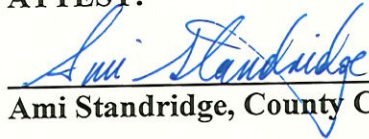
Mike Cordray, Chairman



Phil Clubine, Member



ATTEST:



Ami Standridge, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 041

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ROLL CALL VOTE -

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Commissioner Clubine - Yes*



Robert Bever, Member

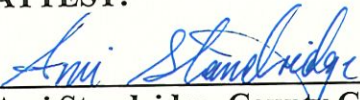


Mike Cordray, Chairman



Phil Clubine, Member

ATTEST:



Ami Standridge, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 042

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

WHEREAS: *A motion by Commissioner Bever to accept and for the Chairman of the Board to sign the proposal for the 2026 KDOC Grant for Community Corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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 - 043

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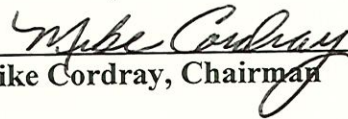
WHEREAS: *A motion by Commissioner Bever to accept and for the Chairman of the Board to sign the proposal for the 2026 grants for the County Health Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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 - 044

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ROLL CALL VOTE -

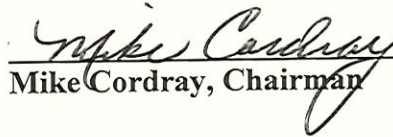
Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner Cordray - Yes

Commissioner Clubine- Absent



Robert Bever, Member



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Phil Clubine, Member



ATTEST:



Ami Standridge, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 045

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WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to accept the Neighborhood Revitalization Application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

ROLL CALL VOTE -

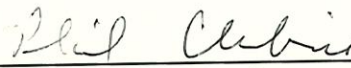
Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner Cordray - Yes

Commissioner Clubine- Absent


Robert Bever, Member


Mike Cordray, Chairman


Phil Clubine, Member

ATTEST:


Ami Standridge, County Clerk

