

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

March 17th, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 8:59 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 other than the Minutes and Resolutions, which will be reviewed on the meeting of March 24th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner Cordray - Yes

Commissioner Clubine - Yes

1.C.4- JENE DEWEY- LETTERS THAT WERE RECEIVED FROM COUNTY APPRAISER

Jene Dewey, a long-time resident of Caney, expressed concerns about property tax assessments and appraisal methods. He described an unfair experience with his business taxes years ago, where he paid more than larger, more established businesses. Dewey also criticized the appraisal of his property, feeling the assessed values were inflated and did not reflect true market value. He questioned the fairness of the system, especially regarding inflation and property improvements. The Commission noted they would consult with the appraiser to address his concerns and review his property records.

2-OLD BUSINESS-

2.A- KENNETH FECKE- APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COMMERCIAL GRADE WHEELCHAIR LIFT FOR JJA BUILDING

ACTION: *A motion by Commissioner Bever to amend Resolution No. 25-032 to keep the bid from Rob Eisenhart in the amount of \$16,298, while adjusting the approved purchase price for the Assisted-Lifting Commercial Wheelchair Lift from \$12,170 to Harmar Highlander II \$12,185, as quoted by IMAG Corporation. . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner Cordray - Yes

Commissioner Clubine - Yes

Res. 25-032 (Amended)

3-NEW BUSINESS-

3.A- SHERIFF QUARTERLY REPORT

The update covered vehicle procurement, jail operations, and employee retention. The department planned to receive a new transport van and Tahoe, with equipment installation starting in May. They also applied for a \$2.1 million radio grant for secure communications. In jail operations, the inmate population had decreased, resulting in better housing, cost savings, and improved safety. Inmate labor completed significant painting work, saving \$30,000. A lock upgrade project was also underway to enhance security. Employee retention had improved, with turnover dropping significantly. The department raised wages and restructured roles for better training and support. Plans for tasers and medical contract upgrades were in progress. The department also explored facility upgrades through available grants and launched a leadership class for staff development.

5.A- APPROVAL OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE-AKAS 1 LLC INDEPENDENCE, KS

ACTION: *A motion by Commissioner Bever for the chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverages License of AKAS 1 LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.*

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

Res. 25-048

5.B- SIGNATURE NEEDED FOR A NOTICE TO CANEY TOWNSHIP

ACTION: *A motion by Commissioner Bever for the chairman to sign the Notice to Township Board of Caney Township in regards of Caney Valley Speedway. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Res. 25-049

5.C- COUNTY CLERK MONTHLY REPORT

For the month of February: Total disbursement \$855.00 from the general fund

ADJOURNMENT: 11:18 AM

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

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

WORK SESSION


Opened Work Session at 11:23 AM

Items discussed:
Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center
Heartland Development Services

Work Session Closed at 12:24 PM

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


MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman


PHIL CLUBINE, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:


AMI STANDRIDGE, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 032 (Amended)

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 17th day of March, 2025


WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to amend Resolution No. 25-032 to keep the bid from Rob Eisenhart in the amount of \$16,298, while adjusting the approved purchase price for the Assisted-Lifting Commercial Wheelchair Lift from \$12,170 to Harmar Highlander II \$12,185, as quoted by IMAG Corporation. . 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 - 046

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 17th day of March, 2025

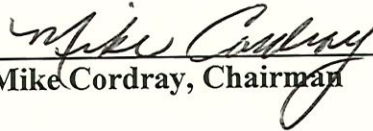
WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to sign the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report 2025; as required by KSA 2-1316. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clubine.

ROLL CALL VOTE -

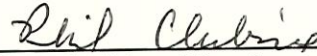
Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner Cordray - Yes
Commissioner Clubine - Yes



Robert Bever, Member



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Phil Clubine, Member



ATTEST:



Ami Standridge, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 047

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 17th day of March, 2025

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve a Burn Barn for 3 days effective immediately on March 17th, 2025, where the Board's Chairman has the authority to lift it and or extend it, weather dependent; this resolution will be reviewed at the next Commission Meeting, March 24th 2025. 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 - 048

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 17th day of March, 2025

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever for the chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverages License of AKAS 1 LLC. 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 - 049

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 17th day of March, 2025

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever for the chairman to sign the Notice to Township Board of Caney Township in regards of Caney Valley Speedway. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

ROLL CALL VOTE -

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



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ATTEST:

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Ami Standridge, County Clerk