

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

April 20, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners, two members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Brown was absent.

Commissioner McManus will serve as Acting Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner McManus.

INVOCATION: Reverend Melvin Simpson, First Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Brown - Absent

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner York- Yes

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$235,578.59 as presented by the County Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York..*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Brown - Absent

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner York- Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of April 13, 2015 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York.*

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Brown - Absent

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner York- Yes

CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION TIE VOTE TO BE DECIDED BY THE DRAWING OF NAMES:

Havana City Council Member and Drainage District No. 3 Member received tie votes in the April 7, 2015 City/School General Election. These two positions were selected by the Board of Canvassers by the drawing of names.

Havana City Council Members receiving tie votes were Avice Bair and Zachary Wade. The name drawn by the Board of Canvassers was Avice Bair.

Verdigris Drainage District No. 3 Member receiving tie votes were Robert Anthony Campbell, Dean Mitchell and Roy L. Wagner. The name drawn by the Board of Canvassers was Roy L. Wagner.

The individuals will be notified by the County Clerk/Election Officer and receive Certificates of Election to each of these positions.

DISCUSSION ON 911 DISPATCHING:

Attending the meeting on the 911 dispatching were City of Independence Police Chief Harry Smith, Independence City Emergency Services Director David Cowen, Sheriff Robert Dierks, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken, Montgomery County Dispatch Supervisor Becky Dye and Emergency Preparedness Director Jim Miller.

Chief Harry Smith addressed the Board regarding the previous Commission meeting discussion on the 911 call placed by Commissioner York and his concerns stated at that meeting. Commissioner York apologized on the article in the newspaper on the discussion of the personal 911 call from him. Chief Smith asked if Commissioner York would like to hear the recording of the call which he had brought to the meeting. Commissioner York said that would not be necessary.

The agreement with the City of Coffeyville and the City of Independence for funding for the new radio consoles in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office had been discussed and agreed on after several meetings between the entities. It was brought to the Coffeyville City Commission's attention, by a telephone call from Jim Millerto Scott Eckert, State 911 Board, the 911, funds could not be used for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office because they are not a PSAP. The State 911 Board had been contacted by Chief Harry Smith before the agreement was made to fund the consoles, and they agreed the funds could be used for this purpose.

Commissioner McManus asked Mr. Miller why he made the phone call to the State 911 Board. Mr. Miller said he was asked to make the call. The funding is to be shared between Coffeyville and Independence and the goal is to link Coffeyville, Independence and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for better communications.

SHERIFF ROBERT DIERKS – EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:

Sheriff Dierks and Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken met with the Board to request an Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner York to recess to Executive Session at 9:33 AM to return at 9:43 AM with the Board, Sheriff Dierks and Liz Schwatken present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner York.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Brown - Absent
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner York- Yes*

Returned to session at 9:43 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

Sheriff Dierks presented an Employee Change of Status for Mr. Ryan Leedy, currently serving as a Lieutenant in the Department of Corrections, to move to Assistant Department of Corrections Administration. Mr. Leedy will replace Mr. Jim Carson when the vacancy occurs.

AMATEUR RADIO PROCLAMATION:

Mr. Joe Palmer representing the Amateur Radio Club in Coffeyville and Mr. Jack DeVera representing the Amateur Radio Club in Independence and Mr. Jim Miller, Montgomery County Emergency Preparedness Director met with the Board to request support for Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Days. The days proclaimed will be June 26th and June 27th, 2015. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner York to authorize the Acting Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County in the absence of the Chairman, the proclamation proclaiming June 26th and 27th, 2015 as Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Brown – Absent
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner York- Yes*

RES. NO. 15-62

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. West Cherry Township Treasurer resignation and appointment to replace treasurer - A letter was presented to the Board from Mr. Benny Beurskens stating he wishes to resign his elected position as Treasurer of West Cherry Township. The Board approved and accepted the resignation.
2. Mail Room Discussion – Since the position to fill-in for the mail room personnel when absent will not be available for several weeks, the Sheriff said they have a person that can fill in and the Clerk’s Office will fill in when if needed during until the employee designated to substitute returns to work. The departments will be asked to see to their own mail if possible by keeping a supply of stamps on hand when no one is available in the mail room.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 AM

ACTION: *Motion by Commissioner York, seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Brown - Absent
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner York- Yes*

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FRED BROWN, Chairman

LARRY McMANUS, Member

RYAN YORK, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk