The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 8:30AM. Commissioner Brown arrived at 9:00 AM.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner McManus Acting Chairman.

INVOCATION: Reverend Renita Butler, The Friends Evangelical Church, Independence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve invoices in the amount of - $66,933.22 and $825,930.58 as presented by the County Clerk’s office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

ENCOMPASS HR SOLUTIONS – PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS:

Encompass HR Solutions Representative Micah Boulanger and Bart Hoolehan, the Medtrak Representative, met with the Board to discuss the present prescription plan and expenses.

Ways to save on cost to the County were discussed and information on the cost of prescriptions was presented. Some of the cost savings could be through having a penalty for using a brand name prescription if generic is available. Some prescriptions purchased were for 100 day supply will now become a 90 day supply.

They explained purchasing of “specialty drugs” costing the employee more could be available for the assistance program which would allow a drug to be purchased through this program for $5.00. The Board strongly stressed the point the employees must be educated on how this works and assistance given to them on applying for the assistance.

Any changes to the prescription plan would not go into effect until April 1, 2016 if approved by the Board. The Board is taking no action at this time. The options will be discussed and reviewed by the Board before the renewal date.
PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Robert Bever presented the weekly written report. The following items were discussed:

1. Asphalting and road striping has been completed.
2. Employee change of status for employee retirement.
3. Requested permission to replace an Equipment Operator position. **Request approved.**
4. Balance sheet for Road and Bridge.
6. Employee change of status for probation completed in Special Bridge.
7. Memo on wheelchair seating in the courtroom.
8. New Sprinkler system is being installed.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE #1 – ROOF REPLACEMENT, INDEPENDENCE STATION:

MCRF#1 Board President Darren Felts met with the Board to discuss the following:

1. Roof Replacement for the Independence Station - Bids were as follows:
   Clifton Construction, Independence, KS $ 8,464.78
   South Roofing, Independence, KS $10,578.55

   **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the low bid of $8,464.78 from Clifton Construction, Independence, KS for the roofing replacement on the Independence Station. Debit MCRF#1 General Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

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2. Requested approval to obtain bids for guttering installation at the Sycamore Station. **Request approved.**

3. The Board approved the payment of $40.00 to the individual designated by the fire board at each meeting to be responsible for the preparation of the minutes for Montgomery County Rural Fire District #1.

4. Discussed the upgrade to UHF and requested approval to purchase four (4) repeaters at a cost of $44,188.00 and 16 frequency updates at an estimated cost of $4,000.00 with the total cost not to exceed $48,188.00. The following action was taken:

   **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve the request by Montgomery County Rural Fire #1 Board to purchase four (4) repeaters at a cost of $44,188.00 and 16 frequency updates at an estimated cost of $4,000.00 with the total cost not to exceed $48,188.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

   **ROLL CALL VOTE:**
   - Commissioner McManus – Yes
   - Commissioner York- Yes

   RES. NO. 15-128

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QUAIL RUN RESIDENTS - GROUP HOME:

Residents of Quail Run area met with the Board on Four County Mental Health’s intent to establish a Group Home in their neighborhood. Those present for the meeting were: County Counselor Paul Kritz, Environmental Health/Zoning Director Scott Barnhart, Kathy McManus, Sherrie Taylor, Rick Taylor, Bryan Thompson, Mark A. Dill, Josh Heller and Jimmy Waters.

Mr. Kritz addressed the Kansas Statute as discussed at a previous meeting. He told the Board and the residents the law states how the R-3 zoning regulations apply and the state law governing the usage of the facility. Commissioner York encouraged the residents, if they have not contacted Four County Mental Health Director Greg Hennen, to do so with their questions and objections to the Group Home being in their neighborhood. All residents present at the meeting strongly oppose the Group Home facility being established by Four County Mental Health. There was no action to be taken at this meeting.

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SHERIFF ROBERT DIERKS – EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to recess to Executive Session at 11:25 AM to return at 12:05 PM with the Board, Sheriff Dierks, County Clerk and County Counselor present to for Attorney Client Privilege. Motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

Returned to session at 12:05 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. County Clerk’s office – Approval to purchase two (2) laser printers with three (2) quotes presented to the Board as follows:
   Global $844.00 each plus shipping of $26.00 each

   ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve the purchase of two (2) laser printers for the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of $844.00 each plus shipping of $26.00 each. Debit County General Capital Outlay. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

   RES. NO. 15-129

2. Abatements –

   ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve abatements in the amount of $23,336.68. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

3. Pitney Bowes Postage Meter – Approval request for purchase to be installed by January 1, 2016 – The current lease/maintenance cost is $416.00 per month. A new meter meeting all requirements by the US Postal Service will be $372.00 per month with a 60 month lease/maintenance agreement. This cost includes: Meter rental, standard maintenance (parts/labor), USPS rate changes, access to MyGraphics Team, Installation and Life of Lease Training.

   ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve the lease of a new Pitney Bowes Postage Meter for use of all county departments. The cost of the agreement will be $372.00 per month, including maintenance, and to be paid from the General Operating Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

   RES. NO. 15-130

4. Letter from Montgomery County Environmental Health Department reporting on complaints in regard to the vegetation heights and improper accumulations of solid waste on the property located at 384 East College Avenue, Independence owned by M&M Mortgage Company.

   Mr. Barnhart’s letter reported on the findings of his investigation. The investigation concluded the current state of this property is a public nuisance and in violation of Chapter 3 in the Montgomery County Sanitary Code. The owner must take measures, with regard to the vegetation heights and improper accumulations of solid waste on the property, to abate these violations within 15 days.

   A letter dated September 16, 2015 from Montgomery County Environmental Health Department to M&M Mortgage Company was included to the Board stating the confirmation of the fulfillment of the requirements.
ACTION: Motion by Commissioner McManus, seconded by Commissioner York.
ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Brown - Yes
Commissioner McManus – Yes
Commissioner York- Yes