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

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Brown.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Brown.

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 - Yes
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 $186,120.20 as presented by the County Clerk’s office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of February 22, 2016 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES – PERSONNEL:

Department of Corrections Juvenile Justice Services Director Duane Powell met with the Board to request approval to hire a part-time intake person. The changes with Senate Bill 367 will eliminate Case Management portion of their department. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve the hiring of a part-time intake person for Department of Corrections Juvenile Justice Services due to the elimination of Case Management in this department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

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DISTRICT COURT - JUDGE F. WILLIAM CULLINS - REQUEST FOR SEASONAL PART-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR 2016 SUMMER:

Judge Cullins met with the Board to request approval to hire part-time seasonal workers to help the Court with a record management project. The project consists of destroying and preserving certain records of the Court as mandated by state statute. The positions would be for two (2) part-time employees for five (5) to seven (7) weeks during the summer of 2016. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner York to approve two (2) part-time employees for the District Court for five (5) to seven (7) weeks during the summer of 2016 to be paid from the County General Operating Fund and reimbursed by Unified District Court to the General Operating Fund at the completion of employment. The reimbursement will include all wages and employee benefits paid by the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 16-35

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Robert Bever and Assistant Coordinator Jim Wright met with the Board and presented the weekly written report. The following items were discussed:

1. Intersection lighting in Elk City – This item was tabled until the next regular commission meeting.
2. Discussed the demolition of county owned barn at Myrtle and Wald Streets. The request was approved by the Board for demolition.
3. Approved right-of-way negotiations regarding Bridge 1134B and Bridge 1183.

SIGNAGE ON COLLEGE AVENUE – MR. JACK DEGRAW:

Mr. Jack Degraw met with the board to request speed limit signs be posted on College Avenue east of Tenth Street to Second Street. He asked the speed limit be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph due to a recent fatality accident and also entrances to a daycare business and school.

Mr. Degraw was advised the county could not change the speed limit posted without State’s approval. He was referred to the Sheriff’s Department and request the area be patrolled more frequently.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Max Williams, Coffeyville, addressed the Board on the hospital preferred provider for county employees. He expressed his concern over another hospital being considered when there is a hospital with Montgomery County. He addressed the miles involved in traveling to each hospital with Labette County being 41 miles from Independence and Coffeyville Regional Medical Center being 18 miles from Independence.

Commissioner York stated, “We are not trying to steer business out of the county. The goal of the county is to solicit bids and come up with a plan to be more efficient with the taxpayers money.”

Commissioner McManus said, “The Coffeyville hospital stands to gain approximately 1.5 million dollars even if there was to be two providers. Coffeyville is not going to loose anything.”

Mr. Williams then requested the county purchase more John Deere equipment for county use as this also is a Montgomery county tax paying business. The Board thanked Mr. Williams for his input.
ADJOURNMENT:  10:52 AM

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner McManus, seconded by Commissioner York.
ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Brown - Yes
   Commissioner McManus – Yes
   Commissioner York- Yes

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

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RYAN YORK, Member

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