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

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner McManus.

INVOCATION: Reverend Francis Aeschliman, The Wesleyan Church, Independence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

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AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

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

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APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve invoices in the amount of $209,891.78 as presented by the County Clerk’s office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING –REQUEST TO SUBMIT FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION:

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Scott Barnhart met with the Board to request approval to request bids for demolition of a single family dwelling on South 17th Street. The State of Kansas will pay on demolition of the dwelling but it must be completed by the end of May. The Board approved the request and Mr. Barnhart will solicit bids for the project.

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REGISTER OF DEEDS – SALARY INCREASES:

Register of Deeds Marilyn Calhoun met with the Board to resubmit the request for increases for two (2) employees in the office. She discussed the amount of revenue collected by the department and the cuts to the budgets in the past years. Commissioner Ryan asked how much her budget will be short if the increases are approved and she gave a figure of $12,958.00. The following action was taken to table the request until the next meeting:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner York to table the request by the Register of Deeds for increases in the department until the next regular meeting of the Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

**RES. NO. 18-057**

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CHANGE ORDERS DISCUSSION WITH ROBERT BEVER AND LEONHARD CAFLISH:

Public Works Coordinator Robert Bever and Leonhard Caflish met with the Board with information on change orders on work on the courthouse restoration. Mr. Caflish addressed all problems they have found and will return to the next regular meeting with the costs of these changes. No action was required at this time.

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OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Cereal Malt Beverage License for ADAS 1 LLC (Formerly Jump Start on South Tenth Street)

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License application for ADAS 1 LLC (Formerly Jump Start- South Tenth Street, Independence). Motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

**RES. NO. 18-058**

2. JJA Grant Applications for signature –

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the grant applications for the Juvenile Justice Authority Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner York.

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

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – JOB STATUS OF A NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL –

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to recess to Executive Session at 9:17 AM to return at 9:27 AM with the Board and County Clerk present for the purpose of discussing the job status of a non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

Returned to session at 9:27 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.
OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS (Continued):

4. Rural Opportunity Zone Resolution -

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. MONTGOMERY County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,222.

Section 3. MONTGOMERY County Commissioners hereby obligate MONTGOMERY County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. MONTGOMERY County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years, if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. MONTGOMERY County intends to enter into partnerships with Employers for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by MONTGOMERY County and the State of Kansas shall be $15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. MONTGOMERY County shall allocate $15,000 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. MONTGOMERY County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis and shall inform the State of Kansas of any changes to the annual allocation. MONTGOMERY County shall submit the obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of August each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 16th day of April, 2018 by the Board of MONTGOMERY County Commissioners, MONTGOMERY County, Kansas.

Motion by Commissioner York and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 18-059

5. Discussed the pending Montgomery County-Wide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and no decisions were made at this time. The Board has consulted County Counselor and will discuss the Plan further after his opinions have been presented.

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ADJOURNMENT:  11:05 AM

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

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LARRY McMANUS, Chairman

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FRED BROWN, Member

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RYAN YORk, Member

ATTEST:

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County Clerk