

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

March 11, 2019

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:** Commissioner Brown.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner McManus.

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever– Yes*

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve invoices in the amounts of \$276,538.47. End of Month as presented by the County Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever - Yes*

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of March 4, 2019 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever - Yes*

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**WEAR RED PROCLAMATION – BRANDI TAYLOR:**

Ms Brandi Taylor representing Wear Red Organization for Servicemen and women, presented information on the organization and had a sample of the red t-shirts to be worn on Fridays honoring these soldiers. The shirts are \$25.00 each and 10% goes to Bluestar Moms, an organization that sends care packages to those deployed. She explained the proclamation to designate each Friday as Wear Red on Fridays and the County would furnish the shirts to employees. No decision was made on the request at this time.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING – ANNUAL REVISED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY:**

Environmental Health Director Scott Barnhart met with the Board to present the Annual Revised Solid Waste Management Plan for the County to be reviewed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Plan had been sent to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept and approve the amendments and upgrades to the existing Montgomery County Solid Waste Plan for the year 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

*RES. NO. 19-034*

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Interim Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright met with the Board to present the weekly written report. The following items were discussed:

1. Discussed a request by an individual to cut out dead trees in Montgomery County right- of-ways. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request to cut dead trees in the Montgomery County right-of-ways and must abide by county policies provided by the Public Works Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever - Yes*

*RES. NO. 19-035*

2. Discussed the elevator pit in the Judicial Center and the increase in water accumulation.
3. Mr. Wright reported on the chip and seal on County Road 1700. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and authorize the Public Works Department to chip and seal one and one-half miles south on County Road 1700 beginning at County Road 2000 and ending at the existing blacktop surface north of Highway 166. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

*RES. NO. 19-036*

Commissioner Bever stated that he voted yes because this project had been promised to the residents several years before.

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**SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – INTERNET DISCUSSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session for matters relating to security measures at 9:35 AM to return at 9:50 AM with the Board, County Clerk, Lt. Nick Wood, Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken and Danny Johnston present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

Returned to session at 9:50 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

**SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT (Continued):**

The next item presented to the Board was the internet service for the Sheriff’s Department and Department of Corrections as discussed at the previous meeting of the Board. The services can be divided between Huber & Associates and D&A Electrical Services. The portion of the services to Huber will be \$11,720.71 and to D&A Electrical Services \$5,800.00. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the upgrade for internet service for the Sheriff’s Department and Department of Corrections with Huber & Associates and D&A Electrical Services in the amount of \$17,520.71 to be debited from Special Vin Fund and Vin Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

*RES. NO. 19-37*

An upgrade to the camera system was also discussed for the Judicial Center and Courthouse. The upgrade will include new cameras with licensing fees to begin in 2022 and also maintenance agreements fees for all cameras. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the camera upgrade for security purposes in the Judicial Center and Courthouse, including the Department of Corrections facility with D&A Electrical, Independence, Kansas in the amount of \$129,310.00. Debit Risk Management. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

*RES. NO. 19-38*

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**COUNTY APPRAISER & GIS – 911 ADDRESSING FOR INDPENDENCE CITY:**

County Appraiser Diane Carter and GIS Director Anne Miller met with the Board to discuss the 911 addressing for Independence City. The City of Independence will reimburse the GIS Department \$5,000.00 for these services. The Board approved the agreement and it will be renegotiated after one year on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>

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**COUNTY HEALTH – GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL:**

County Health Director Carolyn Muller present the Grant Application from the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the signature of the Chairman. The request for the grant funds is in the amount of \$200,196.19. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the grant application to be submitted by the Montgomery County Health Department with the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the amount of \$200,196.19. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Register of Deeds Report for February, 2019 –
2. Emergency Manager Rick Whitson discussed redecorating of the Commission Meeting Room. It was decided the walls will be painted a light gray color.
3. Deed to be signed for County Health Bldg Sale between Montgomery County (Grantor) and Rodeyo Holdings LLC (Grantee) –

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the Board to sign the deed conveying the Montgomery County Health Building in Coffeyville located on South Walnut Street to Rodeyo Holdings LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

*RES. NO. 19-39*

**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS (Continued):**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to recess to Executive Session at 10:12 AM to return at 10:18 AM to discuss Non – Elected Personnel pertaining to Job Status. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever – Yes*

Returned to session at 10:18 AM stating no decisions made.

The Board brought discussion to the table on the Public Works Coordinator Position now being filled by Mr. Jim Wright as Interim Public Works Coordinator. Mr. Wright has been serving as interim since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The Board agreed to fill the position at this time as full-time coordinator. The following action was taken: Public Works Coordinator Position –

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Robert Bever to appoint Jim Wright to the position of Montgomery County Public Works Coordinator effective March 11, 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever - Yes*

*RES. NO. 19-040*

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**ADJOURNMENT: 10:40 AM**

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

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes  
Commissioner Brown – Yes  
Commissioner Bever - Yes*

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**LARRY McMANUS, Chairman**

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**FRED BROWN, Member**

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**ROBERT BEVER, Member**

**ATTEST:**

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**County Clerk**