

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

August 12, 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.

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*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve invoices in the amount of - \$321,396.66 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*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of August 5, 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*

EBMS – MICAH BOULANGER – UPDATE ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE:

Mr. Micah Boulanger, representing EBMS (Employee Benefits Management Services) presented financial information on Montgomery County's claims and expenditures for the periods of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 and April 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2019.

The information was stated by Claims Paid by Month for each period and also provided the Top Providers for services to the employees. They also discussed the current Stop-Loss coverage and how it is comparing between the two years.

The Board thanked Mr. Boulanger for the update.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 MONTGOMRY COUNTY BUDGET:

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 9:30 AM and opened the public hearing for the 2020 Montgomery County Budget.

The only discussion on the proposed budget was from Montgomery County Action Council. Mr. John Schmid and Ms Trisha Purdon represented MCAC. They requested the budget be restored to \$160,000 in place of the \$35,000 the county has set aside in the County General Fund and the \$125,000 as published for the budget hearing as a result of problems with the Moderate Income Housing project loan balance which was to be paid in full in 2021. Any balance remaining on the note would be the responsibility of the County for payment.

Ms Purdon advised the Board they have notified the State with the problem and the note has been extended by 5 additional years for payments from Independence City, USD #446 and USD #447. The city of Cherryvale and Montgomery County paid their balances in full in 2018.

The Chairman adjourned the Public Hearing and returned to regular session at 9:48 AM.

Following a short discussion on the request by Montgomery County Action Council, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to republish the Montgomery County Budget with the proposed amount for Montgomery County Action Council to be published at \$160,000.00 and the Montgomery County General Operating will be decreased by \$35,000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

RES. NO. 19-098

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright and Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps met with the Board . The following items were discussed:

1. Mr. Phelps discussed a problem with the air conditioning unit at the court offices in Coffeyville. He said the estimated cost will be \$14,000.00 for a unit. He will talk to Judge Gettler on perhaps sharing the cost of the project.
2. Executive Session – Acquisition of property –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to recess to Executive Session at 10:10 AM to return at 10:25 AM with the Board and Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 10:17 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD VIEWING:

The Chairman recessed from regular session at 10:00 AM to the Public Hearing for the purpose of Road Viewing as presented on the petition filed by Dan and Geri Leoffler.

There being no opposition to the vacation of the tract of land previously used for road purposes in Wayside, Kansas, the Chairman closed the road viewing and returned to regular session

Following discussion of the viewing, the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to vacate land previously used for county road with the legal description as follows:*

A tract of land, previously used for road purposes as shown on the plat of Hall's Subdivision of a Part of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 4, Township 34, Range 14 East Wayside, Kansas, all located in the NE 1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 4, Township 34, Range 14 #ast; copies of this plat can be found in the Montgomery County Register of Deeds:

*All of Hall Street as shown on said plat being 60 feet in width.
All of Bell Street as shown on said plat being 60 feet in width.
All of the public alleys as shown on said plat being 20 feet in width.*

The above described tracts of land are subject to easements for the right of ingress and egress, reconstruction and maintenance of all existing utilities and appurtenances thereto.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

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KDOT – UPDATE ON HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

Mr. Wayne Gudmonson, Mr. Darren Petrowsky and Ms Kristi Kelly with Kansas Department of Transportation met with the Board to provide updates on highway projects in Montgomery and to answer any questions the Board would have.

DONNIE COLLIER – FUNDING FOR VFW TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE:

Mr. Donnie Collier and Mr. Doug Harlin, representing the Independence VFW, met with the Board to request help in funding services for veterans for funding to be distributed. The veterans must apply for these funds and the VFW members will assist them with the steps to file their claims. They are requesting \$10,000.00 to fund this project.

No action was taken at this time. The Board requested more information and Mr. Collier will return at a later meeting to present the requested information.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:05 AM

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

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LARRY McMANUS, Chairman

FRED BROWN, Member

ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk