

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

December 30, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners, two members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Brown absent until 9:15 AM.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner McManus.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner McManus.

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

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

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve invoices in the amount of \$130,367.15 and \$146,269.76 as presented by the County Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of December 23, 2019 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING – BID PRESENTATION ON VEHICLE:**

Environmental Health Director Matt Debo presented information on bids for a vehicle for the department. There being only one bid, the Board chose to reject all bids and rebid the vehicle. The following action was taken.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to reject all bids and rebid the vehicle for Environmental Health/Zoning due to only one bid received with 16 bid request mailed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

**COUNTY COUNSELOR PAUL KRITZ – BUDGET ISSUES AND INDIGENT CONTRACTS:**

County Counselor Paul Kritz met with the Board at their request to discuss budget issues involving the overspending of budgets and how they should be handled and corrected if a department cannot make the entire year and stay within the department budget approved by the Board.

Commissioner Bever had several questions on the Indigent Contracts and who administers them and prepares the contracts. Mr. Kritz explained to the Board this was previously done by the District Court but then was turned over to the Board of County Commissioners and he prepares the contracts and fills any vacancies upon the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. He presented the contract for Attorney Karen Miller to increase her compensation per month to \$1,600 which includes Attorney expenses as stated in the contract and time devoted to Parent representation in cases filed pursuant to the Kansas Code for the Care of Children (as the 2<sup>nd</sup> parent attorney). The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the contract for Attorney Karen R. Miller in the amount of \$1,600.00 per month plus addition expenses as set forth in the contract effective January 1, 2020 and expires December 31, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

*RES. NO. 19-164*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REGARDING LITIGATION:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:50 AM to return at 10:00 AM with the Board and County Counselor Paul Kritz present for Attorney Client Privilege regarding litigations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

Returned to session at 10:00 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Building Maintenance Supervisor met with the Board to discuss repairs to the courthouse. No decisions were made at this time and no action to be taken regarding the discussion.

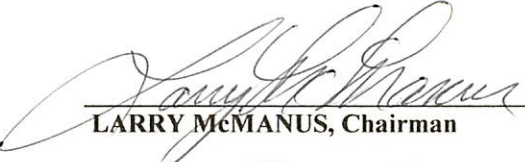
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**ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 AM**

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

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

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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**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-164**

**DATED** at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

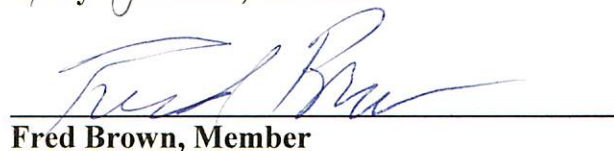
**WHEREAS:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the contract for Attorney Karen R. Miller in the amount of \$1,600.00 per month plus addition expenses as set forth in the contract effective January 1, 2020 and expires December 31, 2020.*

*Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

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**Larry McManus, Chairman**

  
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**Fred Brown, Member**

  
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**Robert Bever, Member**



  
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**Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk**