

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

March 16, 2020

Work session at 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM with the Board and County Clerk present. No public was in attendance.

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.

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 - \$228,397.47 (Mid-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*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.*

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

AWOL – DR. PHILLIP EASTEP- INCREASE IN FUNDING BY THE COUNTY:

Dr. Phillip Eastep met with the Board and presented statistics on the animal shelter in Independence. He provided numbers of city animals going through the shelter each year and the number of rural area stray animals brought to the shelter. The shelter pays for veterinary services and all care of the animals.

At the present time the funding from the County is \$2,000 per year. When the Board asked what figure Dr. Eastep wanted to present to the Board , he stated he thought \$10,000 per year would be fair.

No action was taken at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Maps showing the proposed 2020 Asphalt and Chip and Seal road work –
2. 2020 Dust Inhibitor letter and application which will be sent out this week. Montgomery County will be applying the magnesium chloride this year –
3. Letter awarding funding to Montgomery County through the HRRR program for Peter Pan Road. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the approval to the agreement for funding to Montgomery County through the HRRR for Peter Pan Road between the Independence City Limit and CR 4600 including the intersection of Peter Pan Road and Oak Street. The County share will be approximately \$62,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-044

4. Letter from Kansas Department of Emergency Management regarding an update on the FEMA progress –
5. Update on FHWA Emergency Relief –
6. Discussion regarding windfarm traffic – No construction has been started on the windfarm in Labette County.
7. Agenda for the 2020 County Commissioners and Road Officials Meeting in Chanute on April 16th.
8. Employee change of status for one (1) retirement and one change of status for the transfer of one (1) employee from the County Appraiser’s Office to Road and Bridge. Approved by the Board. Mr Wright advised the Board there are still two (2) positions open in their department.
9. Signature required on Authority to Award Contract for the CR3900/CR3400 (Tucker Corner) intersection project. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to authorize the Award Contract for the CR3900/CR3400 (Tucker Corner) intersection project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO. 20-046

10. Discussed the vacant position in the Noxious Weed department - There is a Road and Bridge employee who wishes to transfer to the Noxious Weed Department full-time. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the transfer of a Road and Bridge Employee to the Noxious Weed Department as a full-time employee of that department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-047

11. Bids for a new grader – Bids were as follows:

Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Park City KS	\$196,700 with trade-in
	\$241,700 without trade-in
Foley Equipment Co., Chanute, KS	\$177,612 with trade-in
	\$247,612 without trade-in

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept the low bid for a new grader from Foley Equipment Co., Chanute, KS in the amount of \$177,612 after trade-in. Debit Road and Bridge Special Equipment Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-048

PUBLIC WORKS (Continued):

12. Bids for a used excavator – Bids were as follows:

Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Park City, KS	\$148,500 (2017 John Deere)
	\$129,500 (2015 John Deere)
Foley Equipment, Chanute, KS	\$125,000 (2016 Caterpillar)
Berry Tractor, Wichita, KS	\$114,910 (2017 Komatsu)
	\$114,910 (2014 Komatsu)

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept the bid from Foley Equipment Co., Park City, KS for a used 2016 Caterpillar excavator in the amount of \$125,000. Debit Road and Bridge Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-049

13. Building Maintenance request permission to solicit bids for new boilers in the basement of the Courthouse. Request was approved.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – GRANT APPLICATION:

County Health Director Carolyn Muller presented for signature of the Chairman, the application from the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Aid to Local Programs in the amount of \$188,037.16. 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 as presented by the Montgomery County Health Director for grant funds from the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Aid to Local Programs in the amount of \$188,037.16. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-050

PUBLIC HEARING ON ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS:

The Chairman recessed the regular meeting at 10:00 AM and opened the Public Hearing on the Issuance of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds. Those present were Trisha Purdon, Montgomery County Action Council, Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell, P.C. and . Representing and speaking for the company was Mr. Javier Garcia, Director of Manufacturing for Prosperiti Partners.

Several questions were asked by the Board and discussed with Ms. Steele and Ms. Purdon.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing and returned to regular session at 10:27 AM. After returning to session the following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to adopt the following resolution;
(See Attached Resolution 20-042)

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-043

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. County Appraiser Dee Carter reported on appeal hearings. She stated they are scheduled through the month of March.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:50 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

FRED BROWN, Member

ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk