BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES

March 30, 2020

A Workshop was held from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM preceding the meeting. 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 amount of $82,658.38 (Prepay) and $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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020 and March 17, 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

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PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. CR 1400 East of Coffeyville
2. Funding letter to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for Emergency Bank Protection – Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act
3. Spring County Commissioner/Highway Officials meeting has been canceled
4. Discussion on probation completion raises during the COVID-19 crises
5. Discussion regarding the hiring of employees without an application through Kansas Works since they are closed until April 6th. Applications will be given by the departments and we will notify Kansas Works of applicants information and if hired.
6. Update regarding closure of KDOT’s Bureau of Local Projects
7. Discussion regarding washing machine at the Department of Corrections. The cost will be $14,672.00 for a new machine. No decision was made at this time.
PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED):

8. Amend Resolution #20-004 – Jefferson Road Vacation. From reference Book 533 Page 312 to Book 544 Page 312 - The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to amend Montgomery County Resolution 20-004 on Jefferson Road Vacation from Book 533 Page 312 to Book 544 Page 312. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** - Commissioner McManus - Yes

Commissioner Brown – Yes

Commissioner Bever - Yes

**RES. NO. 20-052**

9. Discussion on freezing of wages with the except of new hires and transfers probationary increases - Tabled until next meeting.

10. Discussion on physicals for Public Works. After checking Labette Health is continuing to provide physicals but the Montgomery County Health is not and will not be able to give a date they can resume the examinations due to the workload during the COVID-19.

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OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Signatures required on Neighborhood Revitalization Applications -

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Montgomery County Neighborhood Revitalization Applications as presented by the County Clerk’s Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** - Commissioner McManus - Yes

Commissioner Brown – Yes

Commissioner Bever - Yes

2. Capital Outlay Purchases and Essential Purchases Restriction –

The Board discussed the financial impact the COVID-19 may have on the county. After some discussion it was decided by the Board to limit the spending for the next 60 days and the following action was taken:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to restrict expenditures by county offices as follows:

No Capital Outlay purchases, except emergency purchases and must be approved by the Board before purchase is made, will be allowed during this period of time.

Expenses must be limited to essential purchases for daily operation of each department.

This resolution is in effect until May 30, 2020 unless it is deemed necessary by the Board to extend the limitations to a later date.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** - Commissioner McManus - Yes

Commissioner Brown – Yes

Commissioner Bever - Yes

**RES. NO. 20-053**

3. Executive Session:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 10:25 AM to return at 10:40 AM to discuss the Job Status of a Non-Elected Employee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** - Commissioner McManus - Yes

Commissioner Brown – Yes

Commissioner Bever - Yes

Returned to session at 10:40 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

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ADJOURNMENT: 11: AM

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

LARRY McMANUS, Chairman
FRED BROWN, Member
ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST: Charlotte Schmitz
County Clerk
RESOLUTION NO. 20-052

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 30th day of March, 2020.

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to amend Montgomery County Resolution 20-004 on Jefferson Road Vacation from Book 533 Page 312 to Book 544 Page 312.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Larry McManus, Chairman
Fred Brown, Member
Robert Bever, Member

Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk
RESOLUTION NO. 20-053

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 30th day of March, 2020.

WHEREAS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to restrict expenditures by county offices as follows:

   No Capital Outlay purchases, except emergency purchases and must be approved by the Board before purchase is made, will be allowed during this period of time.

   Expenses must be limited to essential purchases for daily operation of each department.

   This resolution is in effect until May 30, 2020 unless it is deemed necessary by the Board to extend the limitations to a later date.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown

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

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