BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES

July 13, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in work session at 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The Board met with Liz Schwatken, Sheriff’s Office on the proposed budget for Sheriff’s Department and Department of Corrections.

The Chairman closed the work session at 9:00 AM and opened the regular meeting.

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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 Joe Davolt, The Bible Holiness Church, Independence

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 $248,650.53 and $223,767.92 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 July 6, 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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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT:

Montgomery County Sheriff’s Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken presented the Food Service Contract for the Department of Corrections inmate food service to be signed by the Board as previously approved at the July 6, 2020 regular meeting. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the contract between Montgomery County and Trinity Services Group for inmate food service and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the contract as presented. 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. Request permission to solicit bids for 2020 paint striping program -- Request Approved.
2. Signature required on employee status change for new hire –
3. Discussed applying for funding for two bridges – East 8th Street out of Coffeyville and a bridge Northwest of Sycamore.

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EMERGENCY MANAGER RICK WHITSON – UPDATE ON COVID-19 – DISASTER RESOLUTION AND COUNTY VSV ANNOUNCEMENT:

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson and County Health Administrator Carolyn Muller met with the Board to report on the COVID-19 latest report. Mr. Whitson presented a report on the number of cases in Montgomery County and their status.

Mrs. Muller requested permission to hire a person two days a week temporarily with no benefits to contact people that have been diagnosed with and those quarantined. The position will pay $15.00 per hour with no benefits. The following action was taken:

**ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to authorize the County Health Director to hire a temporary part-time (2 days per week) employee at $15.00 per hour for the Coffeyville County Health Office in Coffeyville due to the increase in the COVID-19 cases and requirements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.**

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

RES. NO. 20-111

Mr. Whitson presented the resolution for the declaration of local disaster emergency in Montgomery County, Kansas due to the COVID-19 virus.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to renew the COVID 19 Disaster Declaration. The declaration is as follows:**

**WHEREAS,** on the 18th day of March 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas declared there was a state of local disaster emergency in Montgomery County, Kansas due to the CVOID-19 virus resulting in widespread and severe impact to the local jurisdiction, including but not limited to damage, injury or loss of life or property in Montgomery County, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS,** such conditions remain to create significant impact to everyday life and/or endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the borders of Montgomery County, Kansas.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas:

That the state of local disaster emergency is declared to continue uninterrupted from 18th March 2020 through today, the 13th of July 2020, and further shall remain in effect for a further 60 days.

That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Montgomery County, Kansas shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance there under.

That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

Seconded by Commissioner Brown.
RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McM anus - Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner Bever - Yes

RES. NO. 20-109

In addition to the COVID-19 report, Mr. Whitson presented information from the Kansa Department of Agriculture on vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) has been confirmed in seven counties in Kansas and primarily affects horses but can affect other livestock. If animals are infected the premises must be quarantined.

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OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. County Neighborhood Application for Michael McCartney approved by Board.
2. Budget Session with Public Works with Jim Wright and Sueann Friesen present. No action taken and no decisions made.

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ADJOURNMENT: 1:10 AM

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

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McM anus - Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner Bever - Yes

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

LARRY McM ANUS, Chairman

FRED BROWN, Member

ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt
County Clerk
Res. No. 20 - DISASTER RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

[Signatures]

Chairman

Member

Member
RESOLUTION NO. 20-110

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

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