BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES

August 31, 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 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 Bever to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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 $182,207.82 (End of Month) as presented by the County Clerk. 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 August 14 and August 24, 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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EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL – COUNTY APPRAISER:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:05 AM to return at 9:20 AM with the Board and County Appraiser Dee Carter present to discuss the job status of a non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

Returned to session at 9:17 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

Discussion: Ms Carter requested moving the GIS from the County Appraiser’s Department and be an individual department with Anne Miller as the Supervisor. This move will be effective September 1, 2020. The 2020 and 2021 budgets will be reviewed and the 2021 County Appraiser’s budget will be revised in order to remove the funds for the GIS Department. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to remove the GIS Department from the County Appraiser’s Department and become an individual department with the supervisor of the GIS to be Anne Miller. This will become effective September 1, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-127

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT – JASON CLUBINE:

Computer Department Director Jason Clubine met with the Board to request approval to renew the Anti-Virus contract agreement. Mr. Clubine provided information with 1, 2, and 3 year renewal rates with Maple Tronics. The County has will have 150 licenses on the contract and the cost will be $2,601.00. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the renewal of the Anti-Virus with Maple Tronics, Goshen, IN for a three (3) year renewal in the amount of $2,601.00. Debit General Operating Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-128

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Update on funding requests sent to the US Army Corps of Engineers but will not know until later in the year on project –
2. Update on 10th Street/Tucker Corner project – It is now open for travel –
3. Contract for surface and paving on projects CR 4500, 490 and 14 –
4. Bids for Chemicals –
   Van Diest Supply Company, Lindsborg, KS $27,360.00
   CPS Timberland, Castle Rock, CO $27,480.00
   Sims Fertilizer & Chemical, Osborne, KS $31,600.00

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the low bid for chemicals for the Noxious Weed Department from Van Diest Supply, Lindsborg, KS in the amount of $27,360.00. Debit Noxious Weed Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

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5. Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Phelps met with the Board to request approval to remove 9 Pine trees and 2 Oak trees from the Courthouse grounds. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request to remove nine (9) Pine Trees and two (2) Oak Trees from the Courthouse grounds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Brown – Yes
Commissioner Bever - Yes
6. Jason Clubine and Anne Miller met with the Board and Jim Wright to discuss scanning, centralized server and web server.

Mr. Wright will more information on the scanner which would accommodate all departments scanning is needed in. He will return to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Clubine presented information on web servers and recommended the Flywheel which is rated the most popular. The fee is $300 per year. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to authorize the Computer Department Director to purchase services from Flywheel for our web-site services at a cost of $300.00 per year. Debit General Operating. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

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7. Mr. Clubine will return to the Board with bids on the centered scanner.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS - MATT DEBO:

Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator met with the Board to present the Montgomery County Solid Waste Management Committee list of individuals serving on the committee. The following action was taken approving the update and revision to the present Montgomery County Solid Waste Plan and members.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the update revision to the present Montgomery County Solid Waste Plan and the appointed members of the Montgomery County Solid Waste Management Committee as presented by the Montgomery County Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO. 20-131

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MR. ANDRE TOPACIO:

Mr. Andre Topacio introduced himself to the Board and described his reason for attending the meeting. He explained he has been in designing building complexes, apartments and many other structures. He mentioned how many highways are located in Montgomery County and there could be several sites for motels and places of interest to travelers.

He told the Board he would be glad to offer his services at any time. The Board thanked him and appreciated his interest.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACTION COUNCIL – TRISHA PURDON – CDBG-COVID 19 GRANT:

Montgomery County Action Council Director Trisha Purdon presented a request for approval to disburse funds in the amount of $55,000.00 to small business based on $2,000 per full-time employee and $1,000.00 per part-time employee for the CDBG-COVID 19 Grant. The total grant is $132,000 and will be opened up for applications for the remaining funds available. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the distribution of funds to approved applicants for the CDBG-COVID 10 Grant in the amount of $55,000.00 based on the number of employees per small business applications. The approved applicants will receive $2,000.00 per full-time employee and $1,000.00 per part-time employee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

RES. NO. 20-132
OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Executive Session – Non-elected Personnel – Commissioner Brown –
   ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to recess to Executive Session
   at 10:40 AM to return at 10:55 AM to discuss the job status of a non-elected personnel
   with the Board present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.
   ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes
   Commissioner Brown - Yes
   Commissioner Bever - Yes

   Returned to session at 10:55 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

2. Abatements in the amount of $794,598.31 –
   ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve abatements in the
   amount of $794,598.31. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.
   ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner McManus - Yes
   Commissioner Brown - Yes
   Commissioner Bever - Yes

3. Mr. Robert (Bob) Holloway met with the Board regarding tree removal and trimming on CR
   4270. He said brush has been left in the right-of-way and has been there for weeks. He has a
   complaint on this work being done on private property.

   The Board asked Mr. Jim Wright about the removal of the trees and he explained there has to be
   an agreement with the landowner for the brush to be placed from the right-of-way on the
   landowner and they will dispose of it.

   Commissioner McManus will inspect the site Mr. Holloway has described.

   Mr. Holloway made a request to the County Clerk that a copy of these minutes be mailed to him at
   2150 W. Highway 160, Independence, KS.

4. Letter from Mr. Ryon W. Knop in regard to funds provided to VFW Post 1186.

5. ADJOURNMENT: 11:20 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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