

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

April 29, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 9:00 AM.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cordray

INVOCATION: Commissioner Bever.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner McManus.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$114,057.78 (End of Month expenses) as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

TOURISM- CHERRYVALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Megan Menzer met with the Board to request the tourism funds be changed from being distributed to the City of Cherryvale to go back to the Chamber of Commerce. The Board agreed to have a resolution next week amending the Montgomery County Resolution No. 20-162 to the distribution of the 5% of the tourism funds to go to the Cherryvale Chamber of Commerce which was distributed to the City of Cherryvale.

HUMAN RESOURCES – PAYROLL AND HR SOFTWARE:

Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker presented information on a new payroll system for Human Resources/Payroll Department. The system being recommended by Human Resources is Paylocity and the annual fee is \$34,347.54 with an implementation cost of \$5,200. The annual fee is based on per employee and the number will flux ate based on number each pay period. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and enter into an agreement between Montgomery County and Paylocity for a new payroll system to replace the existing system. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes
Commissioner McManus - Yes
Commissioner Cordray- Yes*

RES. NO. 24-062

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Coordinator Jim Wright presented the weekly written report. The items discussed were:

1. Presented the letter of support to Senator Moran for seeking funding to provide asphalt access on CR 4400 for the Azure SAF Refinery entrance. The letter requires the signature of each of the County Commissioners. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the letter of support to Senator Moran, with the signatures of each of the Board of County Commissioners signing, seeking funding to provide asphalt access on CR 4400 for the Azure SAF Refinery entrance establishing an access point for the facility. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 24-063

2. The Board they would like to include CR 5300 and CR 5500.
3. Reported on the previous weekend and the employees called out due to the high water.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE #1 – PURCHASE OF TRUCK:

Montgomery County Rural Fire District No 1 District Fire Chief Rick Whitson met with the Board to discuss the recent approval for the fire department to purchase a tanker truck. When Mr. Whitson went back to the seller, the truck was already sold. The Board discussed preapproving and setting a price not to exceed when trucks become available. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the purchasing trucks for Montgomery County Rural Fire Dist. No. 1 up to \$75,000 to be paid from fund No. 39. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 24-064

A request was made by Mr. Whitson to purchase three (3) sets of bunker gear for the Independence Station. This cost under the State contract is \$9,939.00 plus freight. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of three (3) sets of bunker gear for the Independence Station with the cost being a total of \$9,939.00 plus freight as set by the State contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-065

Mr. Whitson reported on the storm and flooding in Montgomery County that occurred the past weekend.

14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – GRANT APPROVAL:

Mr. Kenneth Fecke 14th Judicial District Community Corrections Director presented a request for approval to submit an application for a grant for his department.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request of the Director of the 14th Judicial District Community Corrections (Juvenile) Department for a grant for their department and for the Chairman of the Board to sign the application on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Recessed at 10:00 AM & returned at 10:05 AM.

FINANCIAL OFFICER – BUDGETS FOR 2025:

Financial Officer Fred Gress reviewed with the Board two (2) department budgets for the budget year 2025. The first budget was reviewed with Montgomery County Economic Action Council Director Melissa Johnson. The second budget with Montgomery County Appraiser Melody Kikkert. No action was taken at this time.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Executive Session:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:10 AM to return at 10:30 AM with the Board present to discuss non-elected personnel according to KSA 75-4319 (b). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Returned to 10:30 AM stating no action taken and no decisions to be made.

2. Mr. Carl Scott appeared before the Commission to express concerns on the plans of Independence City as outlined regarding zoning and expanding the city limits of Independence. Commissioner Bever said he is not for spot annexation and the Clerk will send him a copy of the Kansas State statute on duties and requirements of the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Discussed a letter from Judge Gettler regarding remodeling of the Coffeyville Court rooms.
4. Eagleview Pictometry fly over every six (6) years contract.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and the Board to sign the contract between Montgomery County and Eagleview Pictometry contract for six (6) years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

Res. No. 24-066

The Chairman announced an Executive Session Special Meeting to be held beginning a 9:00 AM and ending no later than 12:00 Noon with the Board present to discuss non-elected personnel according to KSA 75-4319 (b1) and will be held in the Montgomery County Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:35 PM

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

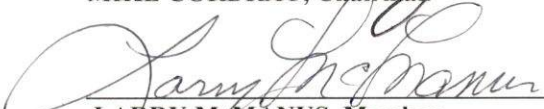
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Work Session at 12:40 PM with Public Works and Human Resources. Discussion on bridges and with HR on salaries.

Work Session ended at 1:15 PM

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LARRY McMANUS, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member



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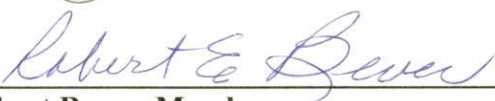
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