

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

May 13, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners, two members and the County Clerk present, met in regular session at 9:00 AM. Commissioner McManus was absent.

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 Cordray.*

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$264973.85 (Mid Month) and \$18,000.00 American Rescue Plan for Rural Water Dist. No. 14, as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS MANAGER – CORRECTION OF COST OF WALK-IN FREEZER:

Building & Grounds Manager Jeff Phelps met with the Board to present a correction in the proposal cost to replace the condensing unit in the walk-in freezer located in the Department of Corrections facility. The first proposal cost presented was \$11,194.00 and a corrected cost was received and will be \$12,194.00. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to amend Montgomery County Resolution No. 24-068 from \$11,194.00 to \$12,194.00 for the cost of the condensing unit in the walk-in freezer located in the Department of Corrections facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES. NO. 24-068-1
(Amended 24-068)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL (KSA 75-4319 b1):

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:12 AM to return at 9:42 AM with the Board and Human Resources Director Ben Brubaker present to discuss non-elected personnel (KSA 75-4319 b1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 9:37 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

SCHEDULING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to schedule a special Executive Session for the Board for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for interviews for non-elected personal (KSA 75-4319 b1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE #1 – DEARING BUILDING:

Montgomery County Rural District #1 District Fire Chief Rick Whitson and Financial Officer Fred Gress met with the Board to discuss construction of another building for the Dearing Station. The MCRF#1 owns the land for a building.

After discussion on plans and specifications for the building Mr. Whitson was requested by the Board to come back next week with information on specifications for steel building and the cost for an architect

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH AND SEK-CAP TRANSPORTATION:

Montgomery County Health Director and SEK-CAP Transportation Director Scott Christiansen met with the Board to discuss more General Public Transportation for Montgomery County. They will provide a 3-day a week schedule or a 6-day a week schedule from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. They are requesting a \$3,000.00 for the 3 day a week service or \$5,000.00 for a 5 day a week service to go toward a local match. The Department of Transportation Grant is paying 70 per cent of the total annual cost.

The Board thanked them for their time and no action was taken at this time.

Recessed at 10:30 AM

Returned to session at 10:35 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION – FINANCIAL MATTERS & TRADE SECRETS:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:35 AM to return at 10:50 AM with the Board present for Financial Matters & Trade Secrets (KSA 75-4319 b4). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 10:45 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

2025 BUDGET REVIEWS – COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Montgomery County Finance Officer Fred Gress met with the Board for a review of the proposed departmental 2025 budgets for the Montgomery County Attorney and the Montgomery County Health Department.

The first review was with Montgomery County Attorney Melissa Johnson.

The second review was with Montgomery County Health Director Brandee Kirk.

No decisions were made at this time.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Independence to adopt Community Development/Comprehensive Plan -


ADJOURNMENT: 12:22 PM

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

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

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


MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member




County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-068 A
(24-068 Amended)

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 13 day of May, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to amend Montgomery County Resolution No. 24-068 from \$11,194.00 to \$12,194.00 for the cost of the condensing unit in the walk-in freezer located in the Department of Corrections facility.*

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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



Mike Cordray

Mike Cordray, Chairman

Larry McManus

Larry McManus, Member

Robert Bever

Robert Bever, Member

ATTEST:

Charlotte Schmidt

Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk