

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

June 10, 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: Reverend Daniel Knight, Bible Baptist Church, Coffeyville

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Cordray.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve invoices in the amount of \$219,469.15 (Mid-Month), \$276,400.72 (Prepays) and \$105,071.50 American Rescue Plan for Elk City, KS as presented by the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of March 21, 2024 and March 25, 2024 as presented by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING: APPROVAL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN:

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Matt Debo presented the Montgomery County Solid Waste Management Plan to the Board for their approval. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Montgomery County, Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan as presented by Montgomery County Environmental Health/Zoning Director. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-087

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – REGION H HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Emergency Manager Rick Whitson and Assistant Manager Michael Smith met with the Board to present a resolution adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan. If no resolution is on file with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA the County will be unable to receive assistance FEMA if a disaster should occur. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region H. Hazard Mitigation Plan and submit the Adopted Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray..*

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

RES. NO. 24-086

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Mr. Wright presented information regarding local consult workshops to discuss regional needs and priorities. The workshop will be June 20th at Chanute, KS.
2. Update regarding Bridge #913 over Pumpkin Creek on County Road 1800.
3. The contractor is to begin on the Buckeye Project July 1st and the road probably will be closed for 6 months.
4. Requested Executive Session under KSA 75-4319 (b6) for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commission Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:45 AM to return at 9:55 AM with the Board, Public Coordinator Jim Wright and Assistant Coordinator Brandon Beurskens present for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property according to KSA 75-4319 (b6). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

Returned to session at 9:55 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

Mr. Wright was given approval to negotiate for right-of-way for the Bridge #913 project.

EBMS INSURANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REVIEW:

Micah Boulanger, Micah Chance Healthcare Consultant and Interim HR Director Ashley Hand met with the Board to present the EBMS Insurance Executive Summary Review for the health insurance for the Montgomery County Employees. The report covered Plan Payment, Top Providers, and Benefit Analysis for 2023/2024 insurance year.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- SEIZED VEHICLES:

Sheriff Ron Wade, Undersheriff Chris Williams and Lt. Jeremy Hunsucker met with the Board to discuss fuel costs, a vehicle being replaced by insurance and storage for seized vehicles.

Chris Williams reported they average \$3.07 per gallon for fuel for their patrol vehicles.

The next item they presented was information on a wrecked transport vehicle, 2020 Dodge Durango, and it will be replaced by the insurance in the amount of \$21,277.50.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPT. – Continued:

The next item was storage for vehicles that have been seized for evidence and cannot be released. They discussed places to store these vehicles because the County will have to be responsible for any damaged incurred after they were seized and being held by the County. The responsibility is set by State statute. No decisions were made or action taken at this time.

**Recessed at 10:36 AM.
Returned at 10:45 AM.**

2025 BUDGET REVIEWS:

The following 2025 budgets were reviewed by the Board:

Build Maintenance – Jeff Phelps
County Treasurer – Nancy Clubine
Register of Deeds – Marilyn Calhoun

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Register of Deeds report for May –
2. County Clerk’s report for May
3. KPERS Agent for Montgomery County – The Board appointed Ashley Hand to replace Ben Brubaker as the County’s KPERS Agent.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:00 PM

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

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

Will resume for a work session at 3:00 PM.

**2025 Budget Work Session – 3:00 PM with
The Board, County Clerk and GIS Director Present.**

CONTINUED 2025 BUDGET REVIEWS:

Montgomery County Rural Fire #1- Rick Whitson
Coroner – Rick Whitson
GIS – Ann Miller
Commissioners
County Clerk – Charlotte Schmidt
Election, Direct & Indirect – Charlotte Schmidt

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Work Session Closed at 4:50 PM.



MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman



LARRY McMANUS, Member



ROBERT BEVER, Member





County Clerk

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

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DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 10th day of June, 2024.

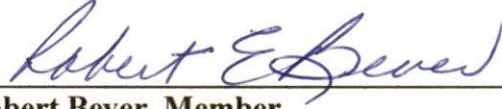
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