

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

July 1, 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:** Reverend Melvin Simpson, 1<sup>st</sup> Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville, KS.

**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 McManus.*

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

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve invoices for \$624,751.02 for End of Month Expenses and American Rescue Funds for \$16,023.24 for Verdigris Drainage Dist. #3, \$12,800.00 for Montgomery County Action and \$191,546.18 for Mg County Rural Water #6 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*

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes of June 24, 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*

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**GIS – EDMUNDS SOFTWARE SYSTEM – ANNE MILLER:**

GIS Director Anne Miller presented an invoice for Edmunds conversion cost of \$9,250 to transfer information from the Komtek System to Edmunds software System.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Beer to approve the payment of the invoice from Edmunds Software System for the conversion on information from the Komtek System to the Edmunds System in the amount of \$9,250.00. Debit Fund #125 American Rescue Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO 24-095

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – KSA 75-4319 (b1):**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:10 AM to return at 9:25 AM with the Board and County Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel (KSA 75-4319 (b1)). Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

Returned to session at 9:25 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken at this time.

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE – GRASS UNITS/TANKER UNITS BID:**

Montgomery County Rural Fire Dist. Chief Rick Whitson presented the results of bids received for three (3) 23 HP pumps and two (2) 18 HP Pumps for Grass Units/Tanker Units. Bids were as follows:

Johns Mid America, Rogersville, MO	\$34,311.76 – Option 1 \$26,505.88 – Option 2
Wies First Safety, Salina, KS	\$26,587.66

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the bid from Wies First Safety, Salina, KS in the amount of \$26,587.66 for three (3) 23 HP Pumps and two (2) 18 HP for Grass Units/Tanker Units for Montgomery County Rural Fire District No. 1. Debit MCRF#1 Fund #39 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 24-096

Approval was given to Mr. Whitson to sell trucks on Purple Wave.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

1. Discussed sign request from Amy Dollar, Tourism Director for Coffeyville to place a sign near the lowest point in Kansas. The sign states the elevation in Kansas rises gradually from east to west. The lowest point, at 679 feet above sea level is where the Verdigris River exits the state of Kansas and the highest point is 4,039 feet above sea level and is on the Colorado border in Wallace County Kansas. The Board approved the request from Ms. Dollar, Coffeyville Tourism Director.
2. Advised the Board a TEAP study for three (3) locations in the County and they are located at the intersection at Peter Pan and Oak, the intersection at Peter Pan and Taylor and the intersection at CR 5700 and CR 6000.
3. A letter was presented regarding County Road 2800 Improvements and the 2024 Cost Share Program advising the County there were not enough funds to fund all of the needed projects all over Kansas.

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**FINANCIAL OFFICER – REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE INTENT:**

Financial Officer Fred Gress present information on the County budget for 2025 and recommended a Revenue Neutral Rate of “not to exceed 55.000 mills”. He explained this is not “saying the mill levy will be 55.000 mills but if there are unforeseen expenses is necessary a “not exceed limit” be set. The following action was taken:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to set the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Montgomery County 2025 Budget not to exceed 55.000 mills. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 24-097

**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:**

1. Letter from Kansas Historical Society on the nomination for the Prairie Oil and Gas Company Building in Independence to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.
2. County Attorney Melissa Johnson met with the Board and discussed extra space for some of the staff in her office and the Board has provided office space in the Courthouse across from Environmental Health/Zoning Office.
3. Subgrant Agreement between Montgomery County and Coffeyville Regional Medical Center, Inc. to supplement the Rural Hospital Innovation Grant received by the hospital. The following action was taken:

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ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Yes

RES. NO. 24-098

4. Indigent Legal Service Contracts for year 2025 –

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to have the Financial Officer contact the County Counselor and start the negotiation's on contracts for 2025 for the attorney's Indigent Legal Services . Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

ROLL CALL VOTE -Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Yes

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**Recessed at 10:05 AM.**

Returned at 10:15 AM.

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**Work Session began at 10:15 AM to discuss 2025 budgets for the following departments:**

Montgomery County Health; Montgomery County Rural Fire Dist. #1; County Treasurer; Emergency Management. Mr. Whitson was asked to return to the meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM to again review the Emergency Management 2025 Budget.

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**ADJOURNMENT: 12:20 PM**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE - Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner McManus – Yes

Commissioner Cordray- Yes

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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LARRY McMANUS, Member

  
ROBERT BEVER, Member



**ATTEST:**

  
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Larry McManus, Member

*Robert E. Bever*  
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