

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

July 22, 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

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 \$61,995.74 (Prepays) and \$708.00 (Postage for election) 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 Bever to approve the minutes of July 8, 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*

LAWN MAINTENANCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. – HENRY SCHMIDT:

Inmate Mowing Crew Supervisor Henry Schmidt met with the Board to discuss the landscaping needed at the County Health office building in Coffeyville. Mr. Schmidt discussed the mowing crew using the inmates for the necessary work. They approved the procedure and will then decide on the replacement of shrubs when the cleaning is completed.

COUNTY APPRAISER MELODY KICKERT – VEHICLE TO BE SOLD & NEW VEHICLE PURCHASE:

County Appraiser Melody Kikkert met with the Board to request approval to sell a vehicle being replaced on Purple Wave. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and authorize the County Appraiser to sell a vehicle on Purple Wave that is being replaced in her department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

COUNTY APPRAISER (Continued):

Ms. Kikkert requested approval to obtain bids for one (1) vehicle for the County Appraiser’s Office. The Board approved this request.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Requested permission to solicit bids for corrugated metal pipe. The request was approved by the Board.
2. Discussed receipt of invoice from Atmos Energy for \$343,953.49 for the relocation of the Buckeye Project. Mr. Wright said the total was slightly under the estimate given for the project.
3. A report was made on the Coffeyville Buckeye Project and the road will be open July 29th, 2024. A request was made to lower the speed limit temporarily between James Road and the Coffeyville City limits to 30 miles per hour and to 20 miles per hour 200 feet either side of the culvert. The following action was taken:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to temporarily lower the speed limit between James Road and the Coffeyville City limits to 30 miles per hour and within 200 feet of either side of the culvert, lower the speed limit to 20 miles per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 24-107

4. Update report on Chip & Seal and it has been completed and the paint striping is scheduled to begin August 8th.
5. Presented information regarding Circle C Paving & Construction and a contract with them to next year and paving projects. The contract would hold the current prices for 2025 projects. No action taken at this time.

GARY OVERFIELD – REQUEST TO THE BOARD FOR ASSISTANCE ON AN INCIDENT AT THE INDEPENDENCE COUNTRY CLUB:

Mr. Gary Overfield met with the Board to request assistance to “move the County Attorney to proceed with actions” on his charges of being assaulted in 2023 at the Independence Country Club by a current Board Member. A letter was presented by Mr. Overfield and the Board will review the letter but no action or decisions were made at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING – REZONING APPLICATION:

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Matt Debo present a request by Roger and Sue Linn for rezoning of property located at 4195 High 160, Independence, KS from Residential to Commercial B-1 for the purpose of leasing the property for the placement of a billboard by Schenck Insurance. The application MGRZ#24-0521 has been approved based upon the findings of facts established within Article 9 Section 10 of this county’s zoning regulations and has been forwarded to the BOCC for their approval. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation for Application MGRZ#24-0521 based upon the findings of facts established with Article 9 Section 10 of Montgomery County’s zoning regulations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-108

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ZONING (Continued):

Mr. Debo presented information on reappointments of two (2) Planning Commission appointments:

Mr. Kenneth Weaver (2nd District)
Mr. Rex Reardon (3rd District)

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to reappoint Mr. Kenneth Weaver from the 2nd Commission District and Mr. Rex Reardon from the 3rd Commissioner District to the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

RES. NO. 24-109

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to recess to Executive Session at 9:50 AM to return at 10:20 AM to discuss non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319 (b1) with the Board and County Administrator present. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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

Returned to session at 10:20 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

1. Abatement report tabled until the next meeting.

Recessed at 10:20 AM to 10:30 AM.
Returned at 10:30 AM to work session.

WORK SESSION:

The Board, County Administrator and County Finance Officer discussed budgets and made some changes and discussed some changes in several budgets working to finalizing the 2025 County Budget.

The Work Session closed at 11:50 AM.

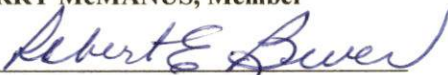
ADJOURNMENT: 11:50 AM

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

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

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


MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman

LARRY McMANUS, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member

ATTEST:





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Robert Bever, Member



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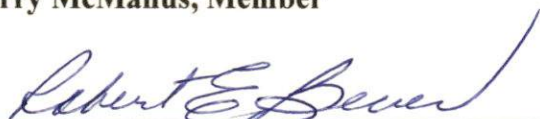
Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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



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Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



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