

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

August 5, 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 Cordray

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 \$10,000.00 and \$1,007.00, 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 July 29, 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*

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – END OF YEAR REPORT:

Community Corrections Director Dennis Webb presented the end of year report for the review and approval by the Board. Mr. Webb answered any questions from the Board. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and accept the End of the Year Report for the 14th Judicial District Community Corrections and 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*

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - AMEND RESOLUTION TO ANNEX PROPERTY TO CITY OF INDEPENDENCE (TREVOR AND MIRANDA BRUENING PROPERTY):

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Matt Debo presented a request to the Board to approve the amendment of Independence City Resolution 2024-016. This amendment is to include additional real estate noted as Tract 1 and Tract 2 in a portion of the SE/4 of Section 13, Township 32 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M. for amendment to the City of Independence at the request of the landowners Trevor Jay Bruening and Miranda Dawn Bruening. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request for annexation as described in Resolution No. 2024-018 and for the amendment of Independence City Resolution 2024-016. This amendment is to include additional real estate noted as Tract 1 and Tract 2 in a portion of the SE/4 of Section 13, Township 32 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M. for amendment to the City of Independence at the request of the landowners Trevor Jay Bruening and Miranda Dawn Bruening. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-112

PUBLIC WORKS – CHEMICALS BID:

Assistant Public Works Coordinator Brandon Beurskens met with the Board to present the bids for chemicals for the Noxious Weed Department. The bids are as follows:

CPA -Central Plains Agronomy, Concordia, KS	\$36,638.90
Sims Fertilizer & Chemical, Osborne, KS	\$36,036.90
Van Diest Supply Co, Webster City, Iowa	\$32,016.54
Nutrien Solutions, Concordia, KS	\$35,851.94

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and award the bid for chemicals for the Noxious Weed Department to Van Diest Supply Co., Webster City Iowa in the amount of \$32,016.54. Debit Noxious Weed Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-113

COFFEYVILLE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER GRANT :

County Administrator Jonathan Booe and Financial Officer Fred Gress presented information on the 1.7 million dollar grant awarded to the Coffeyville Regional Medical Center. The funds will be sent through the County for disbursement to CRMC. It was decided Mr. Booe will work with CRMC on issuing one-half of the funds in the first disbursement and the remainder disbursed as project proceeds.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – GRANT CONSULTANT:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe provided information to the Board after reaching out to some individuals and also to agencies. He has received three responses. One of the responses was from Merchant McIntyre Agency in Washington DC who works on a retainer per month. The retainer is \$8,000.00 per month. Another response quoted \$65,000.00 per year.

Mr. Booe recommended we use Merchant McIntire Agency and has had good references from four other counties. The Board approved moving ahead with a contract after he contacts County Counselor Paul Kritz.

COUNTY APPRAISER – UPDATE ON ABATEMENT OF TAXES FORM:

County Appraiser Melody Kikkert met with the Board to present a new form which will be used by the County Appraiser's office and the County Clerk's office for report totals per year on abatement of taxes which will include the name of the taxpayer on the abatement, amount of taxes and reason for the abatement.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe recommended to the Board the mileage reimbursement for employees when using their own vehicles be increased from \$.54 cents per mile to \$.67 cents per mile.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to increase mileage reimbursement made to county employees when using their own vehicles, be increased from 54 cents per mile to 67 cents per mile effective September 1, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-114

CRMC REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS GRANT:

Mr. Jeff Morris and Ms. Stephanie Richardson representing Coffeyville Regional Medical Center met with the Board to discuss the funding for the grant, how it would be distributed and the additional audit that will be required of the County. It was agreed by Mr. Morris CRMC will cover the cost of the audit required if approved by their CEO. The checks for payment will be issued the same day as signed approved invoices are received by the County Clerk's Office from CRMC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:05 AM to return at 10:20 AM with the Board and County Administrator present to discuss non-elected personnel (KSA 75-4319 (b1)). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to extend the meeting until 10:25 AM with Commissioner Cordray voting yes and Commissioner McManus absent.

Returned to session at 10:25 AM stating no decisions made and to action to be taken.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – UNDERSHERIFF CHRIS WILLIAMS – REPAIR ON VEHICLE:

Undersheriff Chris Williams met with the Board to request approval to replace a motor in a Dodge Ram and the cost will be \$6,000. Mr. Williams was asked to check on more prices and return to the Board with the information.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN – TASHA TALIAFERRO:

Ms. Tasha Taliaferro met with the Board to request the commissioners to consider approving her application for the Revitalization Plan upon meeting requirements and consider a change in the way public notification is carried. She provided examples of the county's website pages and stated she did not feel it was well advertised/publicized on our website. No decisions were made at this time.

COUNTY WEBSITE – ANDY TAYLOR:

Mr. Andy Taylor commented on the County's website as not be user friendly. It was discussed with the Board on having more information and being easier to find what you are searching for.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 AM

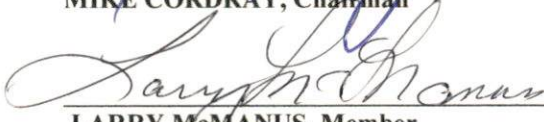
ACTION: *Motion by Commissioner Cordray, seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman



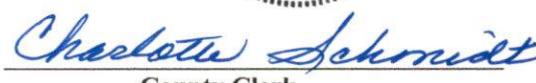
LARRY McMANUS, Member



ROBERT BEVER, Member



ATTEST:



County Clerk

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Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



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