

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

September 9, 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, 1st Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville

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 \$228,712.76 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 McManus to approve the minutes of March 21, 2024 and March 25, 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*

PUBLIC HEARING- 2025 MONTGOMERY COUNTY BUDGET AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY RURAL FIRE DIST. NO. 1 2025 BUDGET:

The Chairman recessed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 9:05 AM. The 2025 Budget and the mill levy was reviewed and explained to the public. The Board and County Administrator presented information on the decrease in the County levy from 2024 budget to the amount levied for 2025 budget, 2024 Levy 44.196 and the 2025 Levy 41.817. Several members of the public spoke on concerns on values, revenue neutral rate letters they received how the taxes are affecting Montgomery County's population. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 10:10 AM and returned to the regular meeting at that time.

Returned to regular meeting at 10:12 AM and the following action was taken on the 2025 Montgomery County Budget and the 2025 Montgomery County Rural Fire District No. 1 Budget:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve and adopt the 2025 Montgomery County Budget of 41.817 Mills and approve and adopt the 2025 Montgomery County Rural Fire District No. 1 Budget of 2.847 mills. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-124

14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SERVICE – CARRYOVER REIMBURSEMENT IIP BUDGET:

14th Judicial District Community Corrections Director Kenneth Fecke presented the FY 2025 reimbursement budget for the approval of the Board. The total carryover was \$2,707.80. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the 14th Judicial District FY25 Juvenile Carryover Reimbursement Budget as presented by Director Kenneth Fecke. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-125

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Interim Coordinator met with the Board to present the weekly written report. The following items were discussed:

1. Reported on repair of bridge #59 as a supplement to the Buckeye project and the repairs will exceed the previous estimate. The bridge is over Onion Creek. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the revised report for repairs on bridge #59 over Onion Creek in the Buckeye Project. The estimated cost has not been completed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-126

2. Discussed qualifications-based selection for engineering work to be done for CR 4400/ CR 5300 and requesting approval to have applications submitted for the engineering work. Grants have been applied for to cover the cost. The roads are near the Bartlett soybean facility. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request by Public Works to receive applications for QBS (qualifications-based selection) for engineering work to be done for CR 4400/CR 5300 near the Bartlett Facilities. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-127

3. Mr. Beurskens presented a map showing where paint stripping will be done.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – SCHEDULING EVENING MEETING DATES:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe presented a proposal to the Board for scheduling evening meetings on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM following a Monday holiday in 2025. When a holiday occurs on Monday it is the present schedule to have the regular Commission Meeting on Tuesday at the 9:00 AM time. Following discussion with the Board the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve of evening meetings being scheduled on the Tuesday following each holiday on Monday in 2025, when the county offices are closed. The meetings will be at 6:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO. 24-128

The media will be notified the week prior to the scheduled evening meeting and will be posted on the County's website.

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

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:44 AM to return at 10:54 AM with the Board and County Administrator present to discuss non-elected personnel.

(KSA 75-4319 (b1)). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

Returned to session at 10:53 AM stating no decisions made and no action taken. Discussion :

County Administrator Jonathan Booe presented the request to the Board to move Assistant Public Works Coordination Brandon Beurskens to Interim Public Works Coordination effective as of August 24, 2024.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner to appoint Assistant Public Works Coordinator Brandon Beurskens to Interim Public Works Coordinator effective as of August 24, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO. 24-129

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. County Clerk’s report for August, 2024 –
2. Register of Deeds report for August, 2024 –
3. Neighborhood Revitalization – 4876 CR 5700, Cherryvale, KS

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the application to participate in the Montgomery County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for 4876 CR 5700, Cherryvale, KS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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

RES. NO. 24-130

Closed regular meeting at 11:00 AM to open a work session.

Closed work session at 12:00 Noon.


ADJOURNMENT: 12:00 Noon

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

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

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MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member



ATTEST:


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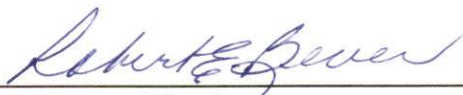
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Commissioner Cordray- Yes*



Mike Cordray, Chairman



Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

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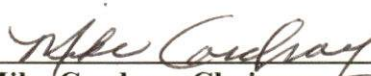
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