

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

September 30, 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 Bever.

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 Cordray to approve invoices in the amount of \$735,058.46 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 September 23, 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 WORKS:

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

Bid tabulation for 24 new grader tires – Bids were as follows.

Purcell Tire & Auto Center, Joplin, MO	\$33,228.08
Pomp's Tire Service, Pittsburg, KS	\$24,402.50

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase and award the low bid for 24 new grader tires from Pomp's Tire Service, Pittsburg, KS in the amount of \$25,602.50. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-133

PUBLIC WORKS (Continued):

Mr. Beurskens presented a Change Order on the repairs for Bridge #59 Project. The amount of the order is \$386,153.00. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the agreement between Montgomery County and Kansas Department of Transportation for Bridge 913 (Pumpkin Creek) project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-134

APPROVAL OF INSURANCE BROKER FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe and HR Director Ashley Hand met with the Board to discuss the information received for approving the contract for the Insurance Broker for Montgomery County. A representative of IMA was present to answer questions from the Board.

The recommendation by the County Administrator was to contract with IMA for the Insurance Broker Position.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept Option 2 with IMA for the Insurance Broker for Montgomery County. The motion died for lack of a second.*

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Review information on new website:

New websites were discussed at a previous meeting and Civic Plus was recommended by County Administrator Jonathan Booe and the following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to approve the contract between Montgomery County and Civic Plus for website services effective with the signed contract. The County Administrator is authorized by the Board to sign the contract with Civic Plus on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-135

Approval of KIFC MOU (Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center Memorandum of Understanding):

County Administrator Jonathan Booe, Emergency Manager Rick Whitson and IT Director Jason Clubine met with the Board to present a Memorandum of Understanding between The Executive Director of the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center and Montgomery County.

The mission of the KIFC is to protect the people and property of Kansas by providing a multi-discipline, information sharing network designed to gather, analyze, and disseminate information to public and private stakeholders in a timely manner and consistent with the privacy rights of our citizens.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of Montgomery County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-136

Approve a Letter Support for Resound – Broadband Equity Access & Deployment Program:

The Board verbally approved a letter of support to be written by the County Administrator for the broadband with Resound to be available for hard-to-reach communities. No funds are requested.

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

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:15 AM to return at 10:30 AM with the Board and County Administrator 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*

The Board returned to session at 10:30 AM with the following resolution:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to eliminate the Financial Officer Position effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-137

REQUEST TO APPROVE NEW POSITION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe presented a request to approve and receive applications for the position of Assistant County Administrator. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the request presented by the County Administration for a new position and to receive applications for the position of Assistant County Administrator. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-138

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

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 10:35 AM to return at 10:45 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 10:43 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Chairman to sign before a notary the corrected easement on a lease agreement for county flood plain property-

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Montgomery County the corrected easement on the lease agreement between Montgomery County and Joseph and Ashley Muller for county flood plain property. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO 24-139

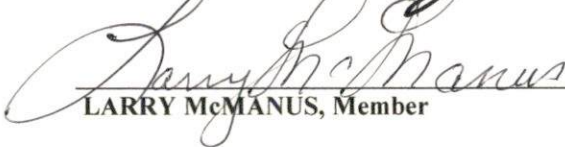
ADJOURNMENT: 10:45 AM

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

*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:




County Clerk

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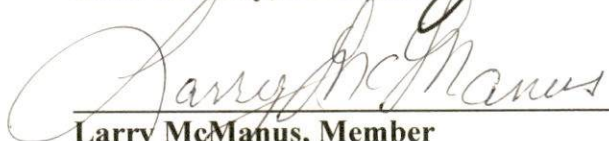
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Mike Cordray, Chairman



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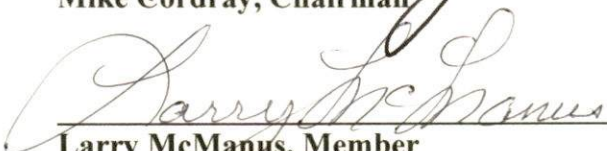
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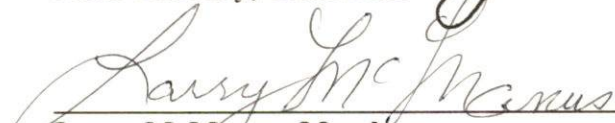
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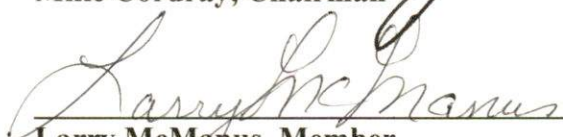
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