

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

November 12, 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 Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$248,393.45 (Prepays) 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 McManus to approve the minutes of November 4, 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*

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ZONING – ZOOM MEETING WITH SMT ENERGY –
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS:**

Environmental Health & Zoning Director Matt Debo and Mr. Chris Poole representing SMT Energy, Battery Energy Storage Systems met with the Board in a Zoom meeting.

The discussion included the location of where the projects would be and they are to be near Liberty and Dearing. At the present time there are no projects in Southeast Kansas. The batteries will store energy and they have a contract with Evergy. This will be the first project in Kansas and the only other working is in Texas. Mr. Debo will be staying in contact with Mr. Poole and directing any further questions the Board may have.

SEKCAP TRANSPORTATION – RENEWAL OF FUNDS FOR 2025:

Mr. Casey Brown and Mr. Scott Chrishansen representing SEKCAP Transportation met with the Board to discuss funding from Montgomery County for transportation services in Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Council on Aging Board approved their request in 2024 for \$5,000.00 for these services to be provided. The Board recommended they contact the Chairman of the Montgomery Council on Aging Services to see if they are going to approve the \$5,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2025. No action was taken.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

1. Mr. Beurskens presented the 24-24 Snow Plan to be placed on the website.
2. Requested approval to solicit bids for bridge inspection for the 2025 year. The request was approved by the Board.
3. Presented the contract for Professional Engineering Services between Montgomery County and Cook, Flatt & Strobel for signatures of the Board.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve and authorize the Board to sign the contract between Montgomery County and Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineering for professional engineering services for the RAISE Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.*

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

RES. NO. 24-158

The Benefit Analysis for the RAISE Grant Application was provided by Cook, Flatt & Strobel.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JONATHAN BOOE:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe discussed the need for the Public Engagement for the RAISE Grant Abstract. The Abstract will be made public by the County Administrator and the County Road 4400 Access Initiative was information was prepared and presented to the Board by the County Administrator also.

Mr.. Booe requested approval from the Board for the new office plans for the Courthouse offices.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

1. Neighborhood Revitalization Application for 3233 US169, Liberty, KS –

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the application for Neighborhood Revitalization for 3233 US Highway 169. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 24-159

2. Occupational License for American Legion Ernest Brown Post #138, Caney, KS –
3. Occupational License for Coffeyville Country Club, Coffeyville, KS

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner McManus to approve the renewal for Occupational Licenses for American Legion Ernest Brown Post #138, Caney KS and Coffeyville Country Club, Coffeyville, KS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

RES. NO. 24-160

ADJOURNMENT: 10:42 AM

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Bever, 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:

County Clerk

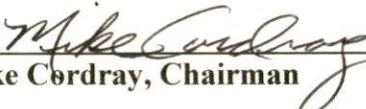
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Motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus.

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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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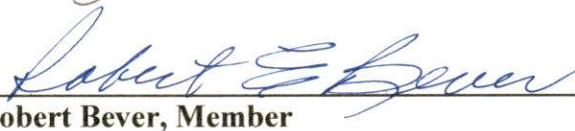
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