

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

November 4, 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: Reverend Bill Night, First Church of Nazarene, Independence

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 \$824,100.88 (End of Month invoices) 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 October 28, 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*

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JONATHAN BOOE:

1. Due to the participation we recently received, the Montgomery County Burn Ban is rescinded as of today, November 4th, 2024
2. Mr. Booe presented an update on Merchant McIntyre and several different grants they will be working on.
3. Discussed the Civic Plus program.
4. It was recommended by the County Administrator to allocate the Rural Opportunity Zoning Marketing funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Montgomery County Action Council for their ROZ marketing program. The following action was taken:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the allocation of the Rural Opportunity Zone Marketing funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Montgomery County Action Council for their ROZ marketing program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES. NO 24-157

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – ROZ (Continued):

- 5. Resolution for the authorizing the participation of Montgomery County in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for the Calendar Year 2025 in the amount of \$15,000.00.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray authorizing the participation of Montgomery County in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for the Calendar Year 2025 in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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

RES. NO 24-156

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to Executive Session at 9:30 AM to return at 9:45 AM with the Board (Commissioner Cordray and Commissioner Bever with Commissioner McManus absent) 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 -Absent
Commissioner Cordray- Yes

Returned at 9:45 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

County Administrator Jonathan Booe presented a recommendation to the Board recommending Cory White to be hired as Assistant County Administrator and starting employment will be December 9th, 2024. The Board approved this recommendation with an approval to be noted in the minutes of this meeting.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS:

- 1. Letter from Gilmore and Bell advising the County the closing on the IRB's for Bartlett Grain has been completed.


ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 AM with a work session on Neighborhood Revitalization beginning at 10:00 AM. The meeting closed at


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

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

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


MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman


LARRY McMANUS, Member


ROBERT BEVER, Member



ATTEST:


County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-156

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 4th day of November, 2024.

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray authorizing the participation of Montgomery County in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for the Calendar Year 2025 in the amount of \$15,000.00.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.

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



Mike Cordray, Chairman




Larry McManus, Member



Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2025

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF Montgomery COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Montgomery County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,222. As of July 1, 2022, the County population was Montgomery as certified by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Section 3. Montgomery County Commissioners hereby obligate Montgomery County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Montgomery County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Montgomery County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Montgomery County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. Montgomery County shall allocate \$15,000 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Montgomery County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis submitting a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by January 30th each year. Montgomery County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of October each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2024 by the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners, Montgomery County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Mike Cuddeback
Robert E. Beard
Absent: [Signature]



ATTEST: Charlotte Schmitt
County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-157

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 4th day of November, 2024.

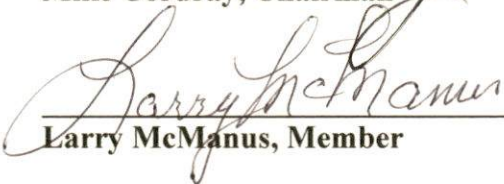
WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the allocation of the Rural Opportunity Zone Marketing funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Montgomery County Action Council for their ROZ marketing program.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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



Mike Cordray, Chairman



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Robert Bever, Member



ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk