

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

December 16, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners, three members and the Deputy Clerk present, met in regular session at 9:00 AM.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Cordray.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Jamie Regis, Dearing Christian Church, Dearing

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Cordray.

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**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*

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve invoices in the amount of \$567,530.14 (Mid-Month), \$223,088.17(Prepays), and \$14,454.84 (Special Run – Election) 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*

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024 and December 9, 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*

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**ARNOLD HOLLINGSWORTH:**

Mr. Hollingsworth met with the Board to express his concerns with property taxes in Montgomery County. The Board took his concerns into consideration and are open to suggestions.

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**PUBLIC WORKS – BRANDON BEURSKENS:**

Public Works Interim Coordinator, Brandon Beurskens presented a bid for bridge inspections from Elite Engineering Services (E.E.S.), LLC in Gardner, KS for \$27,079.00.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept the bid for bridge inspections from Elite Engineering Services (E.E.S.), LLC in Gardner, KS in the amount of \$27,079.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES NO. 24-167*

Mr. Beurskens also presented to the Board bids for an A/C Dual Gas Service Station.

O'Reilly Auto Parts - \$8,999.00  
Auto Zone - \$8,759.79  
Automotive Equipment Specialists - \$8,995.00

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to accept the bid for an A/C Dual Gas Service Station from Auto Zone in the amount of \$8,759.79. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES NO. 24-168*

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**DIRECTOR OF ELECTRIC – CHRIS WEINER**

Chris Weiner, Director of Electric and Fiber Services presented a letter of support and a letter of financial commitment for the City of Coffeyville's application for funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Grant program. The Board agreed to sign the letter of support, but requested more information from Mr. Weiner before making any financial commitments.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to sign the letter of support for the City of Coffeyville's application for funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

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**JARED, GILMORE & PHILLIPS, PA – EMILY FRANKS**

Emily Franks met with the Board to present the 2023 Montgomery County Audit Report.

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**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – CHAD DUNHAM**

Captain of Corrections, Chad Dunham met with the Board to seek approval for painting the jail. Mr. Dunham estimated that it would cost around \$11,400.00 using around 200 gallons of paint. The painting would be done by the inmate work crew. The Board approved Mr. Dunham's request.

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**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-RON WADE, CHRIS WILLIAMS & JEREMY HUNSUCKER**

Sheriff Ron Wade, Undersheriff Chris Williams and Patrol Lieutenant Jeremy Hunsucker met with the Board to discuss purchasing nine (9) new patrol cars and one (1) transport van for 2025. Romans Chevrolet in Independence, KS provided a total cost for nine (9) Tahoes and one (1) Transport Van all outfitted for \$702,000.00. The Sheriff was instructed by the Board to remove the same number of units from their current inventory that the new units will be replacing.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of nine (9) Tahoes and one (1) Transport Van all outfitted from Romans Chevrolet in Independence, KS in the amount of \$702,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

*RES NO. 24-170*

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**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JONATHAN BOOE**

County Administrator, Jonathan Booe met with the Board to discuss purchasing a new medical refrigerator for the Health Department. The new medical refrigerator from McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions, LLC would cost \$11,893.51 plus a shipping and delivery fee of \$1,400.00 for a total cost of \$13,293.51 debited from the Health Departments Covid-19 Funds.

**ACTION:** *A motion was made Commissioner Cordray to approve the purchase of a medical refrigerator from McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$13,293.51 debited from the Health Departments Covid-19 Funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

*RES NO. 24-171*

Mr. Booe also discussed setting a date for a Town Hall Meeting for the RAISE Grant. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Judicail Center on January 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

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**ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 AM**

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

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

**WORK SESSION:**

The work session with the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, Jonathan Booe began at 11:05 AM and closed at 1:34 PM.



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LARRY McMANUS, Member

  
MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

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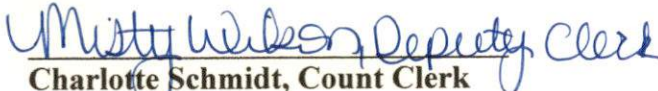
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