

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

December 30, 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: Commissioner Bever

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 \$518,964.28 (End of Month) 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 December 23, 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*

DEPUTY TREASURER – MANDI HARGIS:

Deputy County Treasurer Mandi Hargis met with the Board to get their final decision on transferring funds to Motor Vehicle that the Commissioners tabled last meeting. After further discussion and having more documentation the Board approved the transfer of funds from General Operating to Motor Vehicle in the amount of \$53,142.70.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to executive session at 9:09 AM to return at 9:24 AM with the Board, County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, and Juvenile Services Director Kenneth Fecke present to discuss real property KSA 75-4319(b6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 9:24 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JONATHAN BOOE:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe presented to the Board an invoice from KCAMP for Property, Liability, & Crime Annual Contributions for 2025 in the amount of \$498,122 and from KWORCC for Worker’s Compensation for 2025 Estimated Premiums in the amount of \$229,682.

PUBLIC WORKS – BRANDON BEURSKENS:

Interim Public Works Coordinator Brandon Beurskens presented to the Board a letter from KDOT for applications for the High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2027. The HRRR Program is part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program which allows federal funds to be used to pay at least 90% of the cost of construction and construction engineering for projects intended to improve the safety of rural roads. This is an application that has to be done every year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to executive session at 9:45 AM to return at 9:55 AM with the Board, County Administrator and Interim Public Works Coordinator Brandon Beurskens present to discuss non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319(b1). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever. A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes.*

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

Returned to session at 10:05 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JONATHAN BOOE:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe came back before the Board with a recommendation to move Brandon Beurskens from his current position as Interim Public Works Coordinator to Public Works Director as of January 1, 2025.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JONATHAN BOOE CONT'D:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to move Brandon Beurskens from Interim Public Works Coordinator to Public Works Director as of January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES NO. 24-182

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 AM

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

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

WORK SESSION:

The work session with the Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator, Jonathan Booe and Assistant County Administrator, Kori White began at 10:18 AM and closed at 11:26 AM.

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ROBERT BEVER, Member

LARRY McMANUS, Member


MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman

ATTEST:


Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-182

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 30th day of December, 2024

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to move Brandon Beurskens from Interim Public Works Coordinator to Public Works Director as of January 1, 2025.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.

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



Robert Bever, Member

Larry McManus, Member



Mike Cordray, Chairman

ATTEST:



Charlotte Schmidt, Count Clerk