

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

January 6, 2025

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 Melvin Simpson First Church of God in Christ, Coffeyville

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 \$53,142 (Special Run), \$570.83 (Prepays), and \$257,572.70 (Encumbered Prepays) 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 30, 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*

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – BRANDON BEURSKENS:

Public Works Director Brandon Beurskens met with the Board to give them an update on Bridge 913 over Pumpkin Creek. On January 13th the contractor will be starting the bridge replacement and County Road 1800 East of Coffeyville will be closed to traffic. Mr. Beurskens provided the Board with an update on the Buckeye Project, stating that it is now waiting on asphalt.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF – MICHAEL SMITH:

District Fire Chief Michael Smith met with the Board for approval to purchase new equipment. Mr. Smith provided an estimate from Action Communications for ten (10) pagers, five (5) radios and one (1) mobile radio in the amount of \$9,250.25 to be paid from Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of ten (10) pagers, five (5) radios and one (1) mobile radio from Action Communications in the amount of \$9,250.25 paid from the Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES NO. 25-001

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JONATHAN BOOE:

County Administrator Jonathan Booe met with the Board to discuss the following topics:

1. Amend Resolution 24-174 transfer from the Solid Waste fund to the Risk Management fund. The original approved transfer amount in Resolution 24-174 was for \$50,629.37 to close out the Solid Waste fund. When making that transfer it was discovered that an additional \$4,900.00 would remain in that account after the transfer. This amendment is to transfer all remaining funds in the Solid Waste fund to the Risk Management fund in the amount of \$55,529.37.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to amend Resolution 24-174 transfer from the Solid Waste fund to the Risk Management fund in the amount of \$50,629.37 to the correct transfer amount of \$55,529.37. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES NO. 25-002

2. Extra Compensation for the County Treasurer and County Clerk – Mr. Booe recommended that the Board repeal Resolution 06-213 which authorized the equalization of the County Clerk's base annual salary and the County Treasurer's base annual salary, including additional a calculation based on annual auto tag payments and other factors.

Mr. Booe suggested that the County Treasurer's extra compensation shall be based solely on the provisions outlined in K.S.A. 8-145 and the County Clerk's extra compensation for services as the County Election Officer, shall be set by the Board of County Commissioners.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to repeal Resolution 06-213 in its entirety and that the County Treasurer's extra compensation shall be based solely on the provisions outlined in K.S.A. 8-145 and the County Clerk's extra compensation for services as the County Election Officer shall be set by the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES NO. 25-003

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JONATHAN BOOE CONT'D:

3. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – Mr. Booe presented to the Board the LEPC members for Montgomery County for the year 2025.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the nominated members of the Montgomery County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the year 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES NO. 25-004

4. Mr. Booe presented to the Board new logo options and a slogan for Montgomery County. The Board provided a few suggestions for the new logo and asked Mr. Booe to come back with the updates. The slogan for Montgomery County will be “Montgomery County; Where Ethics and Values Shape Our Tomorrow”.

SHERIFF – RON WADE:

Sheriff Ron Wade updated the Board on the doors for jail. The doors have been manufactured and should be here to be installed on March 3rd, 2025 and Mr. Wade let the Board know that they have started painting the jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to executive session at 9:46 AM to return at 10:01 AM with the Board present to discuss non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319(b1). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bever.*

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

Returned to session at 9:56 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cordray to recess to executive session at 9:57 AM to return at 10:12 AM with the Board, County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, and 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 10:07 AM stating no decisions made and no action to be taken.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – KORI WHITE AND JJA DIRECTOR – KENNETH FECKE:

Assistant County Administrator Kori White and JJA Director Kenneth Fecke met with the Board to request a motion to purchase commercial real estate at 211 W Myrtle Independence, KS in the amount of \$250,000 to be paid out of Capital Outlay and reimbursed back to the County from JJA.

ACTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to have the Chairman sign on behalf of the Board and to approve the purchase of commercial real estate at 211 W Myrtle Independence, KS in the amount of \$250,000 from Capital Outlay and reimbursed back to the County from JJA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordray.*

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

RES NO. 25-005

ADJOURNMENT: 10:14 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, Assistant County Administrator, Kori White and Insurance Broker Micah Boulanger began at 10:20 AM and closed at 12:52 PM.

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


ROBERT BEVER, Member

LARRY McMANUS, Member


MIKE CORDRAY, Chairman

ATTEST:


Charlotte Schmidt, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 25-001

DATED at Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas this 6th day of January, 2025

WHEREAS: *A motion was made by Commissioner Bever to approve the purchase of ten (10) pagers, five (5) radios and one (1) mobile radio from Action Communications in the amount of \$9,250.25 paid from the Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund.*

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:



Misty Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Resolution No. 25- 002

A Resolution amending Resolution 24-174 to increase the transfer from the Solid Waste Fund to the Risk Management Reserve Fund for Montgomery County, Kansas

WHEREAS, on December 23rd, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas, adopted Resolution 24-174, thereby authorizing the transfer of \$50,629.37 from the Solid Waste Fund to the Risk Management Reserve Fund and the closure of the Solid Waste Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that an additional \$4,900.00 will remain in the account after the transfer; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will ensure that all funds in the Solid Waste Fund will be transferred to the Risk Management Reserve Fund while maintaining compliance with applicable laws and accounting standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amendment to Transfer Amount

The transfer amount authorized in Resolution 24-174 is hereby increased by \$4,900.00 for a total transfer amount of \$55,529.37 from the Solid Waste Fund to the Risk Management Reserve Fund, per K.S.A. 12-2615.

2. Effective Date of Amendment

This amendment shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be reflected in the county's financial records accordingly.

3. Closing of the Solid Waste Fund

The Solid Waste Fund shall be closed following the successful transfer of the total amended amount, and any remaining balances or obligations shall be resolved or transferred as outlined in the original resolution

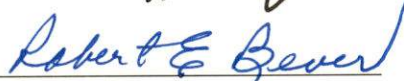
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, ON THIS 6th DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Bever -

Commissioner Cordray -

Commissioner McManus -


Mike Cordray, Chairman


Robert Bever, Commissioner

Larry McManus, Commissioner

Attest:


Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk

Resolution No. 25-003

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas, relating to extra compensation for the County Treasurer and County Clerk.

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas, adopted Resolution No. 06-213, which authorized the equalization of the County Clerk's base annual salary and the County Treasurer's base annual salary, including additional a calculation based on annual auto tag payments and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need to review and clarify the compensation structure for these offices in alignment with current statutory guidelines and best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the County Treasurer's extra compensation shall be based solely on the provisions outlined in K.S.A. 8-145 and the County Clerk's extra compensation for services as the County Election Officer, shall be set by the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Repeal of Resolution 06-213

- Resolution No. 06-213 is hereby repealed in its entirety

2. Compensation of County Treasurer

- The base annual salary of the County Treasurer shall be as established by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Treasurer's annual extra compensation shall be determined in accordance with K.S.A. 8-145, which provides statutory guidelines for compensation related to motor vehicle registration fees and other duties as prescribed by Kansas law.

3. Compensation of County Clerk

- The base annual salary of the County Clerk shall be as established by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Clerk's extra compensation for being the designated County Election Officer, shall be established by the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County during the regular budget process or as otherwise determined by the Board.

4. Implementation

- This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall apply to all future compensation determinations for the County Treasurer and County Clerk.

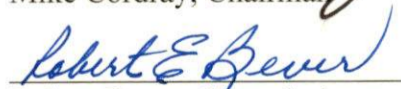
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, ON THIS 6th DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner McManus - Yes

Commissioner Cordray - Yes


Mike Cordray, Chairman


Robert Bever, Commissioner

Larry McManus, Commissioner

Attest:


Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk

Resolution No. 25- 004

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas, establishing the members of the Montgomery County LEPC for the year 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Kansas does regard it as prudent and necessary to continue planning for potential emergency and disaster events affecting the County, and has previously adopted the National Incident Management System as the organizational system used for the management of emergency and disaster events in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed the 1986 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (known as EPCRA) and its amendments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas has passed K.S.A. 65-5721 and its amendments to create a commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR) to meet EPCRA requirements, and CEPR has directed each county within Kansas to form a Local Emergency Planning Committee (known as LEPC) and has further required each County to nominate members for their respective LEPC and submit these nominees to CEPR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW ARE NOMINATED AS MEMBERS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEPC FOR THE YEAR 2025.

Dustin Hannigan	CRMC	Neil Springer	Labette Health
David Adams	Independence C.C.	Tim Anderson	Tessengerlo Kerley Inc.
Brandon Beurskens	Mg. Co. Public Works	Robert Bever II	Bartlett Grain Co.
Gina Brown	Mg. Co. Health Dept.	Mike Cordray	County Commissioner
David Cowan	City of Independence	Eric Culbertson	Tessengerlo Kerley Inc.
Matt Debo	Mg. Co. Environmental Office	Steve Denny	4 County Mental Health
Erica Freel	1 st Student Transport	Michael Smith	Mg. Co. District Fire Chief
Lisa Helkenberg	Independence P.D.	Dr. Greg Hennen	4 County Mental Health
Josh Holt	CVR Energy	Lacy King	4 County Mental Health
Brandee Kirk	Mg. Co. Health Dept.	Jacob McCallie	Coffeyville Amateur Radio Club
Tallon Mitchell	John Deere- Coffeyville Works	Lauren Thompson	Textron Aviation
Jeremy Romine	Standard Motor Products	Teresa Schaper	Greenbush Education Center
Mike Segraves	Bartlett Grain Co.	Kent Sprague	Tessengerlo Kerley Inc.
Jason Wheeler	Lower 8 Public Health Region	Aaron Cook	Independence Fire/EMS
Jim Wright	Coffeyville Public Works	Mike O'Connor	Coffeyville F.D.
Lara Tucker	DaVita Dialysis	Joe Rexwinkle	Cherryvale Fire/EMS
Rick Whitson	Mg. Co. Em. Management		

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, THIS 6th, DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Commissioner Bever - Yes

Commissioner McManus - Yes

Commissioner Cordray - Yes

Mike Cordray

Mike Cordray, Chairman

Robert Bever

Robert Bever, Commissioner

Attest:

Charlotte Scott Schmidt, Deputy Clerk

Charlotte Scott Schmidt, County Clerk

Larry McManus, Commissioner

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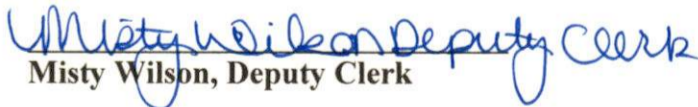
Robert Bever, Member

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Mike Cordray, Chairman

ATTEST:



Misty Wilson, Deputy Clerk