

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS**

The Board of Miami County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commission Chambers, Miami County Administration Building, Paola, Kansas, on April 12, 2023. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
George Pretz, Pro-Tem	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Rob Roberts, Commissioner	Shannon Gaboni, Operation Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Visitors: Harriet Lard, Jeff Oliver, Topher Philgreen, Jackie Davey

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vaughan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Topher Philgreen, 3409 W 222nd Street, wanted to thank the Commission for restricting heavy truck traffic on 223rd Street. Mr. Philgreen said after the signs were posted the difference in traffic was literally overnight and it was remarkable at how fast the trucks stopped barreling down his road. He also said he is at the Commission meeting to say one thing, thank you, the Commission probably saved lives and him and the HOA he represents are very appreciative.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on April 5, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and Payroll
- Approval of Commercial Party Event Application for Running with the Cows

Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Gamblin, EMS Deputy Chief, requested the Commissioners to approve the agreement with EMS Compliance, LLC. The agreement is a 5-year term from signing for \$3,090 a year. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A23-04-023)

Matt Gamblin, EMS Deputy Chief, requested the Commissioners to approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement with Eddy Birchard Funeral Home for a flat fee of \$125 per removal and transportation of human remains. The flat fee will increase by 1% on January 1, 2024, and each January 1. This is a 1-year agreement. The Commission requested Mr. Gamblin negotiate next year for a 3-year minimum agreement. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A23-04-022)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to approve the grant submittal for the Kansas Small Town Water and Sewer Infrastructure Assistance Grant for the Bucyrus Wastewater Project. This would help to alleviate some of the affluent quality issues. There is no fee to apply for the grant however there is an administrative fee if the grant is awarded. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider the approval of the 2023-2024 Delta Dental renewal to provide dental insurance for county employees. The plan came through at a flat rate so there is no increase for this incoming plan year. Delta Dental also gave a rate cap for next year of 2.5%. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C23-04-003 addendum to C21-04-008)

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider the approval of the 2023-2024 Cigna renewal plan to provide medical and vision insurance for county employees. She stated that Cigna came through with an overall rate increase of 4.58%. Two options were presented. The first option is to keep the deductible the same but raise the monthly premium by 4.74%. The second option, which the H.R. department recommends, would be an overall increase of 1.2% to the county. This option would increase the deductible in the High Deductible Plan by \$1,000 for individuals and \$2,000 for families, increase the deductible for the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for single coverage and \$2,000 to \$4,000 for family coverage. lower the H.S.A. contributions by 10% and raise what the employees pay by 1%. This option would cost the county \$130,000 and the employees an additional \$21,000 for a total of \$151,000. Commissioner Roberts proposed keeping all rates, deductibles, and HSA contributions the same as last year for all employees and the county would absorb the increase. He feels that this is an opportunity for the county to be consistent in the marketplace when it comes to health insurance and would help retain current employees. Chairman Vaughan stated for the record that we have to make hard decisions, and we are just kicking it down the road till next year. He strongly advises against the proposed motion. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the third option he presented; Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was 3 yes, 2 nay (Vaughan, Vickrey).

STAFF COMMENTS

Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, presented and requested the Commissioners to approve a resolution ordering the County Counselor to institute legal action for a Judicial foreclosure sale of real estate for delinquent taxes. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R23-04-018)

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, wanted to update the Commission that Medic 7 will be arriving May 5, 2023, which is earlier than expected. They have also had conversations with Osawatomie Fire on storing Medic 7 until the Hillsdale Station gets finished.

Holly Ray, HR Director, attended the Osawatomie High School Career Fair the morning of April 12, 2023. Ms. Ray said that recruiting is incredibly difficult and that is the consensus with the other employers at the career fair. Mr. Ray was also pleased to hear that Miami County Dispatch would give possible recruits an opportunity, if they pass a small background check, to come into dispatch to see if that position is something they would like to do. She stated she is a big supporter of good benefits but most of the students she spoke to were concerned about what positions pay per hour, the money, the money, the money and that Miami County has a lot of difficult decisions and encourages the Commission to make those decisions strategically, thinking about the people that we are trying to attract and retain.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, wanted to mention he had a conversation with Mr. Zingre and he would be interested in the work that was presented in the Commission meeting last week. Mr. Krull said he will be out of the office next week but hopes by the time he returns he will have something from Mr. Zingre to present to the Commission in early May.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts wanted to remind everyone that more than two Commissioners may be present at the robing ceremony for Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder.

Commissioner Roberts asked Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, to come up. Commissioner Roberts first asked when the intermodal traffic signs restricting heavy truck traffic will be posted on the West side of 223rd Street. Mr. Sandberg said they received correspondence from KDOT this morning and are expecting an approval letter from KDOT.

Commissioner Roberts asked Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, for a quick update on allowing a

private company to perform Dust Control services on Miami County roads if a citizen would like to pay for it. The County will entertain a proposal from Scott Wood Industries for those services. Miami County Road and Bridge and Scott Wood Industries will work together on a schedule so that the maintenance schedule of County roads will not be affected and that no additional costs to the County will be incurred. Mr. Sandberg is also very confident in the services provided by Scott Wood Industries.

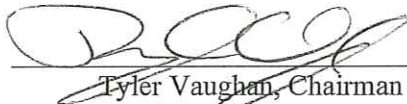
PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Recognize the 2022 Miami County Employee of the Year, Jackie Davey, with the Miami County Sheriff's Office. Chairman Vaughan stated Jackie is a Registered Nurse with the Sheriff's Department and has been employed with the County since 2007. He said it is the pleasure of the Commission to award her Employee of the Year 2022. He also said the Sheriff's Department has specifically described Ms. Davey as having a profound and positive impact on those around her.

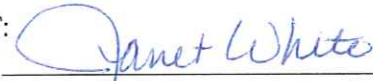
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk