

**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 June 21, 2023. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
George Pretz, Pro-Tem	Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Shannon Gaboni, Operation Specialist
Rob Roberts, Commissioner	
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Absent: Sheila Schultz, Interim County Counselor

Visitors: Jennifer Karr

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on June 14, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- 23006-TP: Bergh Fireworks Display
- Add-On: Reconsideration of Primary Election cost for USD #416 School Board

Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commission to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Notice to Proceed for Project 23-02-CO (694) 2023 Asphalt Program and Project 21-07-ST (682) Old Kansas City Road Rehab with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC. The projects are scheduled to begin July 10, 2023, with the project duration being 90 working days. Old Kansas City Road will be closed for approximately 3 ½ weeks and digital signs will be posted 72 hours in advance of the closing. There will be detours set up on Plum Creek north to 327th Street and another detour set up to 169 Highway. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C23-06-008)

Commissioner Pretz requested the Commissioners to consider a Resolution to declare opposition to Environmental Protection Agency Effluent Limitations rules for meat and poultry slaughter and processing facilities, in Miami County, KS. Mr. Pretz said he was approached by Timothy Johnson of the Coffey County Commission and asked to pass the resolution in support of the effort, as several other counties in the area have done so as well. If the Effluent Limitations rules is passed it puts a real burden on small meat processing and butchering operations and there are a lot of stipulations that pick on those smaller operations. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R23-06-027)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission to sign the Notification of County Appraiser Change. Justin Eimer's last day with Miami County was June 9, 2023, as he was recruited and accepted another position as a consultant. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Kenneth Cook, Planning Director, requested the Commissioners to consider a Resolution extending the moratorium related to Commercial Solar Farms. Progress has been slow due to recent changes in staff, the planning department being down a position, and several unique cases that have required additional time to

process. The current moratorium expires at the end of June 2023 and the new moratorium would be in effect until June 2025. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R23-06-028)

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission to approve the Replacement of three VESTA consolettes and the purchase of an additional consolette. Three consolettes are needing replaced at the SO Dispatch and one is needed at the Johnson County ECC. The three existing VESTA consolettes are not encryption capable and this impacts dispatch in being able to utilize the new MARRS encrypted talk groups for regional events. The VESTA equipment is an older style of consolette and is prone to having power supply failures and the replacement parts are no longer available for needed repairs. The request is for the purchase of four consolettes from Motorola at a cost of \$31,473.60 and each consolette has a 10–12-year lifespan. The purchase would be made from the existing 911 Fund as the consolettes are an approved use of the 911 Tax by the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Jene Vickrey, Commissioner, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission to rescind the decision made last week to charge USD #416 for their Primary Schoolboard Election. Mr. Vickrey said that more communication should have happened between the Commission and the schoolboard in deciding to charge the school district for the election cost and to also discern what the policies would be moving forward. Mr. Vickrey would like to delay the action taken last week and review the policy at a later date. USD #416 will not be charged for the upcoming primary election costs. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey announced that there will be more than one Commissioner present at the ribbon cutting for Metcalf 2.0 at 8:30 a.m. at 5th Street and 68 Highway in Louisburg, KS.

Commissioner Pretz announced that at 2 p.m. today all five of the Commissioners would be touring the Paola Presbyterian Church that is for sale for possible use by the County.

Chairman Vaughan had asked Shane Krull, County Administrator, to reach out to the Mid-American Regional Council (MARC) and have Miami County taken off their advertisement for the Climate Action Plan. MARC quickly removed Miami County as a supporter and apologized.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk