

**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 28, 2023. Those present were:

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

Absent: Sheila Schultz, Interim County Counselor

Visitors: Jeff Oliver, Tiffany Ellison, Stanley Heth, Lavonne Heth, Bill Osborn, Jennifer Karr

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tiffany Ellison, 1206 N. 1st Street East, thanked the Commission for their opinions and work they do. She wanted to thank Commissioner Vickrey for addressing the courthouse needs and thinks it is best to not leave property vacant in the community. She was concerned that the suggested 9.5 % salary increase to Miami County employees would create a larger gap in pay structure and that the pay increase should be offered to the lower paid employees that are more affected by the inflationary rates.

Bill Osborn, 27223 W. 235th Street, says his land borders two curves on gravel roads. There were issues with people misjudging the curves causing damage to his property and fence. Mr. Osborn called the Road and Bridge Department (R&B) about the issue and got an immediate response and the crew from that department were out the next day hanging additional signage. He wanted to say thank you for the quick response and give a shout out to the R&B crew.

Stanley Heth, 23580 W. 242nd Street, thinks the County would be better of doing whatever it takes to make the historical courthouse work. He has heard that there is a possibility of a 1.5% mill levy increase and a 9.5% pay increase but he cannot go along with such an increase in things. Mr. Heth would also like to give a shout out to the Road and Bridge Department as they, along with other departments he has had to call have been helpful and courteous.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on June 21, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Temporary Construction Easement & Permanent Right-of-Way-Helen M. Carter (A23-06-036)
- Temporary Construction Easement-Helen M. Carter (A23-06-037)
- Temporary Construction Easement-Kelly A. Whiteford & Keith L. Whiteford, Trustees of the Whiteford Family Investment Trust (A23-06-038)
- Temporary Construction Easement-Ray E. Minden and Emma Lou Minden (A23-06-039)
- Temporary Construction Easement-Sam C. Pearson III (A23-06-040)
- Temporary Construction Easement-Paul H. Kurkowski (A23-06-041)
- Temporary Construction Easement & Permanent Right-of-Way-Ernesto Resendiz Gallegos and Maria Del Carmen Salazar (A23-06-042)
- Temporary Construction Easement & Permanent Right-of-Way-Suzanne M. Blackmore (A23-06-043)
- Temporary Construction Easement & Permanent Right-of-Way-Suzanne M. Blackmore (A23-06-044)

- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities
 - Add-On: Miami County Purchase Policy for County Fire Boards – Sitting as Fire Board
- Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize Project 22-03-SB (692) budget revision to \$880,030.50 and to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the construction change order in the amount of \$880.00. The original budget was \$879,150.50. The request is due to the needed overrun of Slope Protection (Riprap Stone) (12") on Culvert 1208 and Culvert 2616. This item was overrun to ensure proper protection of slopes on the culverts. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-06-045)**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Tax Foreclosure Sale Contract with Klenda Austerman, LLC. This contract is for a per parcel basis at \$275.00 each and will start with parcels that have 4 years outstanding taxes. Miami County will be responsible for charges associated with publication at an approximate total of \$4000.00 and abstract services at an approximate total of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(C23-06-009)**

Captain Andrew Roush, Sheriff's Department, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to sign the Accurate Controls Jail Quote. The quote provides material and labor costs to upgrade the security controls computer and the Bosch VMS workstation and servers. It will also update any licenses that are needed and will come with a 1-year warranty at a total cost of \$124,681.34. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-06-046)**

Sitting as Miami County Fire Board – 1:26 p.m.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the TFM Headset quote for \$18,591.88 for Paola Fire. These headsets protect the firefighters from engine noise and sirens when responding to calls. They also offer accurate communication between the officer and crew, so everyone knows what kind of call they are responding to. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-06-047)**

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider approving and adopting the Miami County Purchasing Policy for all Fire Boards and Districts. The Fire Chiefs will now be held to the same purchasing expectations that any other Department Head has that works for the County Government and they should be informed of the policy effective immediately. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Exiting as Miami County Fire Board – 1:32 p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, wanted to reprise the Commission on the fracture critical inspection on the bridge at 379th Street just east of Sommerset Road. The pin and hanger assembly has failed resulting, based on state statute, to the bridge being immediately closed by the inspector on 27 June 2023. Mr. Oehlert is currently working on 3 solutions that he will present to the Commission to either repair, replace or leave the bridge closed.

Commissioner Roberts wanted to say thank you to Mr. Oehlert for organizing the Metcalf 2.0 Project and helping to close it out successfully. The road will be deeded over to the City of Louisburg after KDOT accepts final completion.

The Louisburg Senior Center had written a letter and sent photos claiming damage to their parking lot from workers on the Metcalf 2.0 Project. Mr. Oehlert said they did receive the letter and photos and his response

to the Senior Center was that it did show evidence that the project was there but not that it had caused damage to their lot. The Commission request that Mr. Oehlert bring this issue back to Study Session in two weeks for discussion.

J. Colin Reynolds, County Attorney, wanted to update the Commission on several major cases they have been working on. Mr. Reynolds would like to thank the Sheriff's Office, Paola Police Department, Wildlife and Parks and County EMS for the job they did on the recent Hillsdale case. The Attorney General at the request of Mr. Reynolds will assist Miami County and take lead on the case given the current manpower issues and the substantial nature and time it takes to prosecute a case like this. Mr. Reynolds built contingencies into next year's budget to cover possible extra expenses associated with prosecuting these cases. Commissioner Roberts asked that when Mr. Reynolds has an idea of the expenses that he communicates them to Shane Krull, County Administrator so that it can be adequately funded.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey believes that the opportunity of a 31,000 square foot, vacant building would facilitate a lot of opportunity for a courthouse and Treasurer's office.

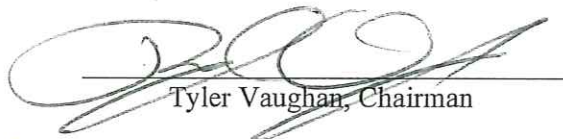
Commissioner Roberts asked Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, to look at the T-intersection at 311th Street and Baptiste Drive. He would like Eric to see how the trees and brush can be removed as it is a safety hazard. He would also like to have Mr. Sandberg look at Harmony Road as the asphalt is in bad shape and requested him to be involved in the Senior Center parking lot issue. Commissioner Roberts wanted to thank Mr. Sandberg for getting the signs up at 223rd and Gardner Road. Mr. Sandberg said he is aware of the asphalt on Harmony Road and is looking into an affordable solution.

Commissioner Pretz announced that there may be more than two Commissioners at the retirement ceremony for Judge Steve Montgomery, Friday August 4, 2023, at the Miami County Courthouse. Commissioner Pretz requested that Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director look at the sign for the John Brown Lookout Park to see if the sign can be reskinned, as it is faded. Commissioner Pretz also said the Commission will be nailing down the budget sometime next week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk