

**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 July 26, 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: Jeff Oliver, Andy Martin, Mike Scanlon, Jennifer Karr

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Scanlon, 439 Main Street, came to give an update on the National Park efforts at the John Brown National Park in Osawatimie, KS. He provided a photo and letter of support signed by Congresswoman Sharice Davids, Senator Jerry Moran and Senator Roger Marshall. In the next 6 months Senator Moran and Congresswoman Davids will be visiting the site. Mr. Scanlon would like to invite the Miami County Commissioners and Kansas State Historical Society to be there because the more that they can show that there is community support beyond Osawatimie, it really enhances the chances of becoming a National Park. He would like to thank the Commission for the support to this point.

Chief Andy Martin, Paola Fire Department wanted to give an update on an extrication call they received last Monday. The crash was severe and involved two vehicles. Chief Martin wanted to thank the Commission for investing in the equipment they did a couple of years ago as it saves lives. Due to having two sets of extrication equipment, Emergency Response was able to split into two crews and work on each individual vehicle independently. The extrication time on this accident was 12 minutes for one vehicle and 19 minutes for the other. Chief Martin also wanted to say that Sheriff Frank Kelly was ahead of his time when it came to establishing the LEPC and it is a big benefit to the community to have it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the following adjustments:

- Removal of Action Items #2 and #3
- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on July 19, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- 23003-SUB: Wade Ranch
- 23012-LS Grant of Easement (Klaasmeyer II) (A23-07-053)

Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners approval to enter into a Sales Agreement with Foley Tractor (CAT) for the purchase of a 140-15A Motor Grader. The sales agreement is subject to the terms of "Notwithstanding Section 1 of the Terms and Conditions, this sales contract is subject at any time to appropriation of funds by the Miami County Board of Commissioners". The intent of this item is to get on CAT's "build list" for 2024 which is the year the Road and Bridge Department has scheduled the purchase. The trade-in Motor Grader will be a 2013 CAT 12M3 with an expected 10,500+ hours in 2024. There is money set aside in the 2024 Budget for the purchase. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, had his first experience with the extrication equipment from the accident Chief Martin was speaking about. Mr. Whelan was in the vehicle that held the electric extrication equipment and due to how quiet it was he could talk at almost a normal volume and communication was improved. Mr. Whelan also wanted to update the Commission on a couple of fires. One occurred Sunday at an abandoned trailer just south of Osawatomie. The second fire occurred Monday at 367th and Switzer and involved a Volvo track hoe. It took approximately 2000 gallons of water and 10 gallons of foam to extinguish. It looked to be from an electrical short and total loss was approximately \$150,000.00.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, wanted to update the Commission that Jason Leadbetter has been promoted to Director of Code Services. He is well qualified, and his new role will respectively start on July 31st, 2023.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Diediker had a couple of complaints about the dust control program. It has started late, and a couple of houses have been missed and the company may not be able to get back to them to complete it. Commissioner Diediker does think it is going pretty good but here have been a couple of hiccups.

Commissioner Pretz said that the Republican Party will meet Thursday July 27th at Timbercreek. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will start a 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Vickrey heard from a couple constituents that they appreciate the signage on 223rd Street. They also commented that they have only seen a few trucks and Sheriff Kelly is doing a great job of patrolling. They are very grateful.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

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Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet White".
Janet White, County Clerk