

**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 August 9, 2023. Those present were:

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

Absent: George Pretz, Commissioner

Visitors: Jennifer Karr, Jeff Oliver, Kirk Ridgway, Andrew Holder, Lloyd Gallagher

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on August 2, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan requested the Commission to move the Presentations, Awards and Proclamations moved to the end of the meeting. All were in agreeance.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to execute the construction agreement between Miami County, Kansas, and Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Inc. for Miami County Project 21-14-SB (689) Bridge 1-F.2 Replacement, located on 399th Street 0.12 mile east of Crescent Hill Road. for the amount of \$524,478.00. The funding for the replacement will come from the Special Bridge Fund and the County will also receive a \$200,000.00 grant reimbursement from the state. The work is expected to begin between November 6, 2023, and December 11, 2023, and last for 120 calendar days. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R23-08-060)

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Project 20-05-SB (674) budget revision to \$530,782.00 and authorize the Commission Chair to execute the construction agreement with Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Inc for the amount of \$420,467.50. The work is expected to begin between August 9, 2023, and November 6, 2023, and last for 150 calendar days. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R23-08-061)

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, took this time to introduce Kirk Ridgway and Andrew Holder who are attorneys from the law firm Fisher, Patterson, Sayler and Smith, LLP. They will be representing Miami County in the County Counselor position after the recent resignation of the interim County Counselor. Mr. Ridgway said he is thrilled to be a part of the group. Mr. Ridgway said it is his firms forte and has worked with several counties on the law enforcement side. The attorneys all have different specialties which he thinks will line up well nicely with the needs of Miami County. Andrew Holder, Managing Partner at Fisher, Patterson, Sayler and Smith, LLP said he does a lot of employment law and said anything that a county, school district or city can be sued for is when he comes into play. His primary focus is on 1983

Constitutional Claims, employment stuff as well as zoning appeals. He feels the County will be in good hands with experienced people.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, also wanted to express his gratitude for Sheila Schultz as she provided contractual assistance to Miami County as County Counselor for two different terms during transition periods between County Counselors. She graciously stepped in and provided Miami County with a considerable amount of support and the effort on her part is greatly appreciated.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Award – Employee Recognition and Monthly Awards

Holly Ray, HR Director, presented the Employee Recognition and Monthly Awards for customer service that supports and advances Miami County's mission of selflessness. These individuals were nominated by their peers and selected by the selection committee. The recipients included Karen Gallagher, RN at the Health Department for the month of January, Laura Grosskreutz, Dispatcher at the Sheriff's Office for the month of February, Sydney Prothe, Assistant Finance Director for the month of March and Kevin Ross, Road and Bridge Department Supervisor/Signs for the month of April. Jim Starling, Building and Grounds Director, was recognized as the 2nd Quarter Department Head/Director.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Vaughan said the City-County meeting in Louisburg was very productive and a good overview of where the City of Louisburg was at.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

A blue ink signature of Tyler Vaughan, written in a cursive style.

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:

A purple ink signature of Janet White, written in a cursive style.

Janet White, County Clerk