# 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 16, 2023. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman
George Pretz, Pro-Tem
Keith Diediker, Commissioner
Rob Roberts, Commissioner
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner

Shane Krull, County Administrator
Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk
Shannon Gaboni, Operation Specialist

**Visitors:** Mike Gamerl, Stacie Gamerl, Amber VonDerBruegge, Carolyn Fisher, Mark Oehlert, Randi Shannon, Hannah Ande, Patricia Osborn, Ron Osborn, Jeff Oliver, Stephanie Marler

**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 August 9, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On: Resolution authorizing the placement of stop signs at the intersection of W 287th Street where it intersects with Pressonville Road

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION**

Proclamation – Security Bank of Kansas City Celebrating 90 Years. Security Bank of Kansas City has been serving the City of Paola since 1933.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Meckenzie Kelly, Health Department Assistant Director, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to sign the signature page for the Workforce Development Grant for the Miami County Health Department. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider a Resolution adopting the proposed amendments to the Miami County Personnel Rules & Regulations. The commission has adopted a set of personnel rules and regulations for all county officials and employees to adhere to. These rules and regulations periodically require necessary amendments. The commission has identified necessary amendments to be made to the rules and regulations. The amendments include modifications to travel and compensation and modifications to discretionary bonuses. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R23-08-032)**

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider a Resolution amending the Miami County Organizational Chart, effective August 16, 2023. Miami County has developed an organizational chart to manage budgeted and approved positions and staffing within county departments and funds. The organizational chart represents the official position roster of the county, based upon the Miami County Position Classification & Pay Scale. The Board of County Commissioners have requested an amendment to the county organizational chart with the addition of one full-time dispatcher to the Miami County Sheriff's Office, bringing the total count to 12 dispatchers. After some discussion it was decided to amend the Resolution again to add 2 additional full time dispatcher positions instead of just the one position as the call volume after adding Paola City has increased 28%, bringing the total count to 13 dispatchers.

Commissioner Vickrey would like to wait to add the 13th position to see how it goes with the addition of the 12th dispatcher. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve with the addition of the 13th dispatcher position, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was 4 – yes, 1 – no (Vickrey). **(R23-08-033)**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Chair to sign the release of funds for the CDBG Sewer Project. Miami County was awarded $305,1026.00 through the Community Block Grant process. The total for the project is approximately $3,600,00.00 and approximately $3,300,000.00 will be funded locally through a state revolving loan and/or USDA Rural Development Loan and forgiveness. Chairman Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the County Administrator to sign the agreement with Fisher Patterson Sayler & Smith to provide legal assistance to Miami County. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-08-062)**

Sheriff Frank Kelly requested the Commissioners to consider adopting a resolution establishing a daily maintenance fee of $95.17 for all prisoners received from the cities within Miami County and rescinding resolution **R02-07-065**. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R23-08-034)**

Sheriff Frank Kelly requested the Commissioners to consider accepting and authorizing the Inmate Housing Agreement with Jo Co Sheriff. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-08-063)**

Sheriff Frank Kelly requested the Commissioners to consider accepting and authorizing the Housing Contract Conflict Waiver and Consent. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to a Resolution authorizing the placement of stop signs at the intersection of W. 287th Street where it intersects with Pressonville Road. The stop signs would replace the yield signs currently in place. Mr. Sandberg will post the Resolution in the newspaper for two weeks before the stop signs go up. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R23-08-035)**

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Janet McRae, Economic Development Director, wanted to make sure that everyone had seen the Comcast announcement for their plans to bring 110 miles of fiber lines to the Hillsdale area and into the City of Paola for approximately 1000 homes. There will be a dedicated line from the Spring Hill area with rolling phases of turn-ons. The project is slated to start in early 2024 and will be completed within 18 months to 2 years.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, said he will be traveling to Topeka on Tuesday to accept the check for the Community Block Grant. Mr. Krull also said he did an airport walk through to see the upgraded LED light system. These lights will stay on for 24 hours a day until they are certified. Once they are certified the pilots will be able to turn the lights on and off when needed. The funding for the $600,000.00 upgraded light system was paid 90% by the FAA and 10% by the County, approximately $65,000.00.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Roberts wanted to speak to Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, regarding where the County is at on the 13 miles of asphalt work. Mr. Sandberg said that there is a contract in place, but the R&B Department has not received the start date which has been pushed back from July to August. The 90-day finish time frame has already started and if it is not complete within those 90 days there is a penalty clause in the contract. Commissioner Roberts also wanted to know how the Dust Control program. Mr. Sandberg said it should be completed and he has not had any update. Mr. Sandberg would like to reach out to other companies next year and get bids to provide some options when choosing which company to go to for that service. Commissioner Roberts also requested a project update list.

Commissioner Pretz asked Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, about the chip and seal program and if there is a way to continue that program as he has been receiving questions about it. Mr. Sandberg said there is no room in the current budget for that program. Commissioner Roberts said they should have a work study regarding the chip and seal program to see what the options are.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Personnel Exception Executive Session to discuss a non-elected personnel matter for 20 minutes beginning at 1:58 to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, and Emergency Management Coordinator. Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. Action was taken. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 2:18.

**Sitting as Fire Board – MICO Fire District #1**

Chairman Vaughan moved to name Brandon Reem as the acting Chief for MICO Fire District #1. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**Exiting as Fire Board – MICO Fire District #1**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:
Deputy
Janet White, County Clerk