

**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 October 25, 2023. Those present were:

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| George Pretz, Pro-Tem         | Shane Krull, County Administrator    |
| Rob Roberts, Commissioner     | Janet White, County Clerk            |
| W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner | Shannon Gaboni, Operation Specialist |

**By Phone:** Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

**Absent:** Keith Diediker, Commissioner

**Visitors:** Donna Cook, Debbie Seely, Meg Seely, Cheryl Kelly, Brad Seely, Gerald Rittinghouse, Jeff Oliver, Nick Seely, Kent Mills, Jean Carder

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Pretz 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 October 18, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Annual KDOT support letter for TRI-Ko.
- Grant of Easement Agreement (23007-LS) **(R23-10-045)**

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION**

Award - Service Award to Deputy Chief Brad Seely of the Louisburg Fire Department. 52 years of service to the citizens of the City of Louisburg and Miami County Fire District #1. Chief Seely will be continuing his service to the community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider a Resolution designating the 2024 official county holidays. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R23-10-046)**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider a Resolution designating n supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans which acknowledges the sacrifice of service personnel. The Miami County Administration building windows will be lit up with green lights and citizens are encouraged to do the same the week of November 6 – 12, 2023 in support of this effort. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R23-10-047)**

Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the purchase of the G Bar K Equipment and the Zimmerman 6000XL Service bed for the 2024 F250 at a total cost of \$14,980 for the Sign Department. Out of three estimates this was the lowest. Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, said the funds for the purchase will come from the Road & Bridge Special Machinery Reserve Fund. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**APPLICATIONS**

Janet White, County Clerk, presented an Application for a Commercial Party/Special Event Permit for Stone Farms to conduct an online used equipment auction on November 4, 2023. There is currently a Commercial

Use Permit (CUP) in place for Stone Farm's operations but that does not include the authorization to hold an auction. Mr. Stone currently has an application in the Planning Department to amend his CUP to allow for auctions. Mr. Stone has requested that the \$250.00 application fee be waived. Commissioner Roberts wanted to clarify that the County does not wave the Special Event application fee unless it is for a charitable event, and this is private business. The \$25,000.00 surety bond has also not been provided for the application, but the applicant is currently working on getting the paperwork. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the Application for Special Event Permit, not waiving \$250.00 the application fee, and contingent on receipt of the surety bond to the County Clerk, Commissioner Pretz seconded. Chairman Vaughan wanted to clarify he has had conversations with Mr. Stone and there was confusion through the process, and this is a stop-gap measure. The request to waive the fee was a compromise with Mr. Stone due to the confusion of the CUP process which he has committed to and paid the CUP fee. Waiving the application fee was one extra step Mr. Stone wasn't prepared for and there was some confusion in the beginning of the process. Chairman Vaughan said he is going to vote no and wanted to clarify his no is specifically around the motion not including waiving the fee, but he supports the Special Event Permit but would also like to waive the fee. Commissioner Roberts said he stands with his motion called for the question; the vote was 2 – yes, 2 – no (Vaughan & Vickrey) the motion failed. Chairman Vaughan moved to approve the Special Event Permit and waive the \$250.00 fee as an exception to Miami County's standard practice due to circumstances and timing on the CUP and contingent on getting the \$25,000.00 bond, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was 3- yes, 1 – no (Roberts), the motion passes.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, said that the City of Osawatomie had sent a request to him concerning a \$1,500,000.00 base grant that the city was awarded for the design and extension of the sewer north of the sewer plant to approximately 339<sup>th</sup> Street. In the grant application process, there is an inclusion in a \$2,000,000.00 project to install roughly 1,000 ft of interceptor lines to extending East to West and provide service from 169 Highway up to the point of 335<sup>th</sup> Street. The City of Osawatomie will have a Resolution on their October 26, 2023, agenda authorizing BG Consultants to commence with a design plan for the \$1,500,000.00 base grant awarded and, in that process, there is a \$500,000.00 match. The City of Osawatomie has indicated they are going to put up \$250,000.00 and are asking Miami County to match their \$250,000.00. Commissioner Pretz said he would like to support this and asked that it be moved to next weeks study session for discussion, while inviting the City of Osawatomie to attend and discuss.

#### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

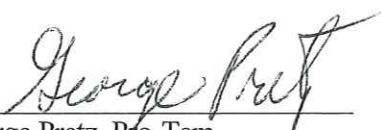
Commissioner Roberts wanted to give a reminder that the Republican meeting is October 26, 2023, at Fox Hall in Louisburg. Reorganization is at 6:00 p.m. and more than two Commissioners could be present.

Commissioner Roberts would like to make a comment and clarification. A couple of weeks ago the Miami County Commission and the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Judges had a courthouse open house that the public was invited to see the current conditions of the courthouse. There was a statement Commissioner Roberts made to a group of people asking how much the renovations would cost to which he replied it would be about \$4,500,000.00 which is not accurate. Treanor Architects did a full restoration estimate which came in at a minimum \$10,000,000.00. Commissioner Roberts said he goofed up, gave the wrong answer, is correcting his answer and recognizing he was wrong.

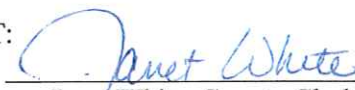
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.



  
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George Pretz, Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

  
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Janet White, County Clerk