

**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 November 01, 2023. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Jeff Oliver

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 October 25, 2023.
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Add-On: KWORCC Delegate & Alternate Nomination
- Add-On: KWORCC, Nominate Rob Roberts to Trustee Board

Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to Commission to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Notice to Proceed for Project 20-05-SB (674) Eagle Drive Culvert Replacement located on Eagle Drive east of Lone Star Road with Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Inc. The project is scheduled to begin November 6, 2023, with the project duration being 150 calendar days. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Notice to Proceed with Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Inc. for Project 21-14-SB (689). The bridge replacement is located on 399th Street 0.12 mile east of Crescent Hill Road with Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Inc. The project is scheduled to begin on December 11, 2023, with the project duration being 120 calendar days. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Kenneth Cook, Planning Director, requested the Commissioners to approve the rezoning of approximately a ½ acre (.50 acre) from Countryside (CS) to Low Intensity Commercial (C-1), in accordance with Section 22 of the Miami County, Kansas Zoning Regulations. The subject property is located directly north of the intersection of Plum Creek Rd and Old Kansas City Rd, in the SW ¼ of Section 14, Twp 18, Range 22, Osawatomie Township. After considering the staff report, Golden Criteria, and with no public comments received, the Planning Commission recommends approval to Rezone the property from Countryside (CS) to Commercial (C-1). Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to approve a 1-year extension of the existing lease agreement at 4 W. Peoria Street for \$4,800.00 a year. The space is used for storage and assembly and the lease will expire on 11/30/2024. The lease cost has not increased and is budgeted out of the Cops for Tots fund. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey

seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to approve the appointment of Mr. Lee Mott to the Miami County Cops for Tots Board. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Jim Starling, Building & Grounds Director, and Laura Epp, Procurement, requested the Commissioners approval for solicitation of 2023-014-RFB, Window Replacement at Miami County Kansas Municipal Airport. Miami County Municipal Airport terminal building is seeking bids to remove and replace the exterior windows as they are at their end of life and need to be replaced. The terminal building was constructed in 1949. The windows currently installed are original to the building with a second layer of windows that were added approximately 30 years ago. This bid will be bid out as two options for the replacement schedule. There is no code for the type of new window installed and the Commission would like to see options on windows that give a nice view and support the structure. The successful bidder will coordinate times with the Building Grounds Director, contractor, and restaurant when it is time for work to commence. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

SITTING AS MIFD1 Board 1:12 p.m.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, request permission to release RFP for replacement of the slide in unit on Osawatomie Brush 41. The current unit is up for replacement due to age. The slide in unit currently has some issues with lower pressure than desired for fighting fires. Mr. Whelan would like to defer this request for the slide in unit and instead purchase a new truck with a slide as he feels that would be a more economical solution as the current truck is set to be upgraded in 3 years. Commissioner Roberts moved to remove the action item from the agenda, Commissioner Pretz seconded, the vote was unanimous.

EXITING AS MIFD1 Board 1:14 p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, wanted to give an update on the shelter that was opened due to an apartment complex that needed to be evacuated in Osawatomie, KS. Osawatomie Fire Department staff opened the shelter on Wednesday October 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and it was moved to the United Methodist Church on Thursday the 26th and remained open and staffed until Sunday the 29th. Mr. Whelan wanted to thank everyone that was involved in the effort and all the work the Fire Department staff and their families did. Commissioner Roberts pointed out that that included Mr. Whelan, Commissioner Pretz and all parties involved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey agrees that it is great to have Osawatomie back online.

Commissioner Roberts said on Monday he attended and represented the Commission at the KwiKom ribbon cutting ceremony in Paola, KS. Originally, KwiKom said they would be running fiber optic lines in locations North of Paola but at the ceremony they announced they would be extending the service area to include all of Paola City, which will be completed in 2024.

Commissioner Diediker said he has tasked Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, to look at reducing the speed limit on Block Road due to a pedestrian hit and run incident and he will present his report to the Commission once his research is complete.

Commissioner Pretz wanted to thank everyone that helped Osawatomie, specifically, Mark Whelan, EMS, Sheriff Department and Road and Bridge Department.

Commissioner Pretz announced there may be more than two Commissioner present at the robing ceremony for Sarah Stewart on November 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bourbon County Courthouse.

Chairman Vaughan announced there may be more than two Commissioners present for a celebration at the Spring Hill Veterans Park Memorial Plaza on November 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Vaughan asked the Commissioners to join him in signing a Letter of Support for the Spring Hill Veterans Park Memorial.

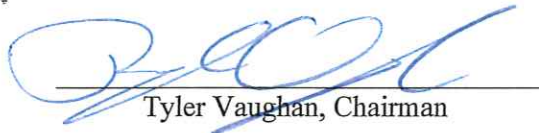
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Land Acquisition Exception Executive Session to discuss a potential land acquisition for 10 minutes beginning at 1:25 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:35 p.m.

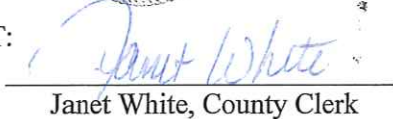
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk