

**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 December 20, 2023. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman	W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner
George Pretz, Pro-Tem	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk
Rob Roberts, Commissioner	Wendy Newton, Operation Specialist

Visitors: Bill Lorenzen

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Lorenzen, 6701 W 335th St, stated he moved into his house 9 years ago. He said about 7 years ago a traffic study was done that showed his road was the most traveled gravel road in Miami County and he would like it paved. He gave a handout showing condition of the road. He said 335th to Stateline has a Highway Exit on it and has around 7-8 new homes on it and the school busses use the road. He said that a culvert was put in as preparation of paving the road and was told the paving would be done when they paved Metcalf; which didn't happen. He said 8 days ago it was bladed and graveled but there are still potholes and washboards. He suggested instead of getting a ¼ cent sales tax for the courthouse, do something for the roads instead. Commission Diediker stated there was already a ¼ cent sales tax for special use for the Road & Bridge Department. Chairman Vaughan stated that was used for bridges and inter-cooperative agreements with the cities and they will definitely keep the road in consideration. He continued that your commissioner can advocate for it. Mr. Lorenzen said that his road has been in the Road & Bridge budget twice but has been canceled for other projects and he thinks it's time to consider the people who live and use this road. He said he paid 20% more today than he did 3 years ago and says he's doing his part.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on December 13, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Removal of Action Item # 2 from the Agenda
- Add Action Item # 3 airport windows bid
- Add Action Item # 4 Physical Security bid

Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric Sandburg, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider a resolution establishing a 45-mph speed limit on Block Road between 343rd and 351st streets. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R23-12-056)**

Laura Epp, Procurement Officer, requested the Commissioners to approve a bid for replacing the current 25 windows at the County Airport for \$73,000. She stated that the restaurant located at the airport would need to be shut down for 1-2 weeks and the work would take place during the Spring/Summer months. Commissioner Roberts stated that \$40,000 of the funding was from an FFA Grant and the rest would be taken out of the County's Capital Improvement fund. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

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Stacey Weaver, Deputy Clerk, requested the Commissioners to approve a bid for Election Security and supplies of \$101,511. She stated that the money is coming from a 90/10 split grant from the Secretary of State. Commissioner Roberts stated that since this is a 90/10 split the County would receive 90% back once the project is completed. He said this would be directly used to enhance and improve the security of the Clerk's Office and any election equipment storage areas. He said this was a sole source bidder and the office had a week turn around to complete the bidding process and that the project must be fully completed by March 1st. He recommended the County portion be paid out of the Capital Improvement fund. He said there would be bullet proof glass added to the Clerk's office and enhances the security of election equipment and any employees that work in elections. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator stated that he wanted to thank Debbie Oehlert and Laura Epp for coordinating the Holiday week celebration. He also wanted to thank the Commission for the wage adjustments for the county staff and this should help with the chronic staffing shortage; and has been well received. He also wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts motioned to re-appoint Ty McBride to the Economic Development Advisory Board and re-appoint Joe Flake to the Miami County Planning Commission who was filling an un-expired term. He stated Mr. Charlie Armour has indicated due to scheduling issues that he could not continue serving on the Planning Commission Board. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Diediker motioned to re-appoint Larry Sumner to the Miami County Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. Commissioner Diediker stated that he had got with Mr. Sandberg about the road that was discussed in the public comment, and they are trying to work on it and had already previously drove it.

Commissioner Pretz motioned to re-appoint Randy Kitchen to the Miami County Planning Commission. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Roberts as the Nay.

Commissioner Roberts motioned to re-appoint Glen Alpert to the Miami County Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan motioned to re-appoint Kelli Broers to the Miami County Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Roberts moved to have a Land Acquisition Exception Executive Session to discuss a potential land acquisition for 15 minutes beginning at 1:25 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



ATTEST:

Stacey Weaver
Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk

Tyler Vaughan
Tyler Vaughan, Chairman