

**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 January 17, 2024. Those present were:

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| 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, Pro-Tem

**Visitors:** Jeff Oliver, Jennifer Karr

**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 January 10, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On: EDA Designation of Miami County as part of the Kansas City Regional EDD

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Janet McRae, Economic Development Director, requested the Commissioners to consider letters of support and potential contributions towards public Wi-Fi grant applications. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Janet McRae, Economic Development Director, requested the Commissioners to consider a signing a letter of support of action by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) to add Miami County, Kansas, to the Kansas City Regional Economic Development District (EDD). Miami County considers itself an important part of the Kansas City region and recognizes the benefit of being included in the Kansas City area EDD. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave the Commission an update on the recent activity for Miami County Fire District #1 and #2. Volunteer firefighters from Miami County responded to 47 requests for service since Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five of the responses were in MIFD #1 and two were in MIFD #2. A total of four structure fires occurred, seven incidents were reported injury accidents and 8 EMS assists. The remaining incidents were for fire related service calls such as automatic alarms, CO or smoke detector activations as well as gas leaks. EMS also responded to 112 calls for assistance during the same time period. Commissioner Roberts said they could never state how appreciative everyone is of the men and women of fire departments, EMS, and law enforcement who support the citizens.

Mr. Whelan also announced the retirement of Fire Chief Brian Love from the Osawatomie Fire Department on Saturday January 20, 2023, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the event center at 539 Main Street, Osawatomie. Two or more Commissioners may be present.

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, said that his team did a fantastic job during the recent winter storm. He said although there may be some slick spots the roads look good thanks to some warmer weather

and would like people to be cautious on the gravel roads as they are snow packed and ice covered. Chairman Vaughan said a thank you for doing such a good job and being so responsive to some calls he had placed during the storm.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey and the other Commissioners visited the courthouse, and he said there needs to be a focus on a solution.

Chairman Vaughan asked Jim Starling, Building and Grounds Director to come up and discuss the issue with the courthouse as the Commission has asked him to go out and seek options and solutions for the HVAC at the courthouse. Mr. Starling said that courtroom A has one air handler which takes care of that courtroom only and is electric heat. The system is not big enough for that room and the cold weather has kept that room at 59 degrees with the heat on all the time, which is an issue in the summer as well keeping it cool with temperatures sometimes reaching 90 degrees. The issue needs to be addressed. Chairman Vaughan said that the Commission is going to have to make some hard decisions with the reserve funds as to how they make the courthouse adequate. Commissioner Roberts said that they will ensure if any judge needs to use the Commission Chambers that it is made available. Mr. Starling suggested bringing in an engineer as well to inform on what can be done. Chairman Vaughan said the Commission has trust in Mr. Starling's expertise to bring them solutions and alternatives that he feels would be adequate.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Roberts moved to have a Security Exception Executive Session to discuss Treasurer security for 20 minutes beginning at 1:23 p.m. to include the Commissioners County Administrator and County Treasurer. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:43 p.m.

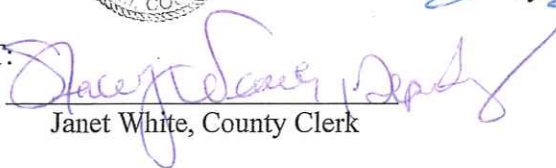
#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.



  
Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Janet White, County Clerk