

**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 31, 2024. Those present were:

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

News: Brian McCauley, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Bret Glendening, Jeff Oliver, Dino Motta, Joe Redford, Rush Renner

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rush Renner, 30910 Crescent Hill Road, said he first called his 5th District Commissioner, Keith Diediker, yesterday to discuss the road conditions where he lives on the westside of Paola. They have been in horrible shape. Mr. Renner said he noticed the County out there on Monday doing some really good work and delivering clean gravel and wanted to compliment the County for going out there and working on the roads and doing what they could with the bad conditions. Mr. Renner also suggested some additional education and training for people working the bladders.

Dino Motta, 17905 W 319th Street, wanted to speak to the Commission about taxes and the courthouse. Mr. Motta wanted clarification on the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) and if Miami County had received the full taxpayer funding from the budget that was approved. Commissioner Roberts clarified that a budget had been passed and property taxes were assessed to pay the bills. Shane Krull, County Administrator, also stated that the LAVTR should offset the property tax burden locally. In 2003 the State funded half of the LAVTR and never funded it again after that and the counties essentially picked up the difference. Mr. Motta also wanted to discuss the courthouse restoration issue. He wanted to know if there have been changes to the courthouse, size, capacity, etc. Commissioner Roberts said that in the last 20 years it has gone from one judge and one magistrate to three judges and a magistrate due to increased crime around the county and the courthouse is used more. Mr. Motta also wanted clarification on the \$750,000.00 reserve fund created. Chairman Vaughan offered to meet with Mr. Motta after the meeting to go into more detail and answer any further questions he had.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on January 24, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the request from the City of Osawatomie to annex land adjacent to Osawatomie City Lake, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

SITTING AS MIFD #1 BOARD – 1:22 p.m.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider authoring the chair to sign the purchase contract with Hays Fire and Rescue Sales and Service, LLC,

for the purchase of a 2023 Peterbilt / Rosenbauer Rescue Truck for \$525,000. This is \$75,000.00 under the budgeted amount for this purchase. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C24-01-001)

EXITING AS MIFD #1 BOARD – 1:27 p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, said that the weather this year has ruined our gravel roads. Currently 8 motor graders and 10 trucks are running 10 hours a day. Road and Bridge is spreading gravel in the muddy places and are working on smoothing out the potholes but with the freeze the roads need to thaw out more to fix all of those issues, but they will not stop trying.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey said he is glad the roads are getting new gravel.

Commissioner Diediker moved to nominate Phil Elliot to the Planning Commission Board, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was 4-1 (Roberts)

Commissioner Pretz announced a couple of things where there may be more than two Commissioners present. The State of the City will take place in Paola on March 5th at Townsquare. The 2024 Miami County Legislative Breakfast Series will take place on Saturday, February 3rd at 7:30 a.m. at the Louisburg Middle School, Saturday February 10th at 7:30 a.m. at the Osawatomie High School, Saturday February 24th at 7:30 a.m. at the Spring Hill Civic Center and Saturday March 2nd at 7:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity School.

Chairman Vaughan said he will be calling into the meeting next week and Commissioner Roberts will not be in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Land Acquisition Exception Executive Session to discuss a potential land acquisition for 15 minutes beginning at 1:40 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Commissioner Vickrey moved to have a Land Acquisition Exception Executive Session to discuss a potential land acquisition for 15 minutes beginning at 1:57 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 2:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



George Pretz

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White

Janet White, County Clerk