

**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 February 07, 2024. Those present were:

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

Appeared by Phone: Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

Absent: Rob Roberts, Commissioner

News: Brian McCauley, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Brian Love, Loree Love, Jeff Oliver, Erica Kriesel, Mike Kriesel, Rachel Rhoades, Isaac Rhoades, Wyatt Love

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Pretz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on January 31, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Presentation – Retirement award to Osawatomie Fire Chief Brian Love

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize Project 24-01-Co (696) and authorize staff to solicit bids for Construction and CE for the 2024 Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program. This project will start let for construction in early spring 2024 with construction starting in summer 2024. The contracted mill and overlays will be done in the following locations: 327th Street from Old Kansas City Road west to County Line; John Brown Highway from Osawatomie City Limits west to County Line; 379th Street from Bethel Church Road west to County Line. The budget for this project is \$3,220,820.00. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize Project 24-03-SB (698) Phase 2 Culvert Replacements and authorize staff to solicit bids for construction and CE. This project will be let for construction in early spring 2024 with construction starting in summer 2024. The three culverts to be replaced are located at the following locations: Culvert 1064 located on Pleasant Valley Road 0.34 mile south of 295th Street; Culvert 1836 located on 347th Street 0.17 mile east of Cedar Niles Road; Culvert 2169 located on 367th Street 0.25 mile east of Jingo Road. The budget for this project is \$635,000.00. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize Project 24-02-SB (697) and authorize staff to solicit for design services for the replacement of Bridge 3.5-Q.1 located on 379th Street 0.2 miles east of Somerset Road. Built in 1907 with an ADT of 21, the current structure is a structurally deficient and fracture critical 121 ft Thru-Truss Bridge. The structure was temporarily closed by Miami County Road and Bridge on June 27, 2023, due to a complete fracture of a vertical member near the top chord of the north truss found during a fracture critical bridge inspection. The budget for the project is

\$205,000.00. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

SITTING AS MIFD#1 FIREBOARD – 1:10

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to adopt and sign a resolution appointing staff at the Fontana Fire Station. The resolution has been reviewed and approved by the County Counselor, Andrew Holder. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. (MIFD#1_R24-01)

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to approve and adopt job descriptions for staff at the Fontana Fire Station. Job descriptions for each rank were developed based on a review of several volunteer fire departments in the United States. Miami County's HR Director Holly Ray and acting Fontana Fire Chief Ream have reviewed the job descriptions. The only concern of Chief Ream is the cost of training staff to the FF1 (Firefighter 1 Certification) level. Current contracts with Osawatomie have required FF1 Certification since 04/01/2015 and in Paola since 01/01/2000. FF1 training is available from several community colleges in the area and available online from Hutchinson Community College. Cost will be around \$1500 per staff member to obtain the needed training. If they attend HCC there will be additional expenses for food and lodging during the practical portions of the class. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

EXITING AS MIFD#1 FIREBOARD – 1:15

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, wanted to mention three things to the Commissioners. First, Captain Kyle Coleman from the Fontana Station, sadly passed away Saturday morning February 3rd. Cpt. Coleman was a 14-year veteran of the Fontana Fire Department. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday February 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the firehouse gym. There will be no visitation and the family will have a private memorial at the cemetery. Second, the concept for the Water Rescue Agreement with Johnson County Fire District #1 for Hillsdale Lake has been approved by their board, will hopefully be signed off at their next meeting and will be sent to Miami County for their approval and signatures. Third, a house fire occurred and caused significant damage to a home at 13645 W. 287th Street. Response agencies included Louisburg Fire, Fontana Fire, Paola Fire, Overland Park Fire, Johnson County Fire District #1, Miami County EMS and Miami County Sheriff's Office. In total 29 firefighters responded to the scene along with 3 EMS and 2 Sheriff deputies. The residents had already vacated the structure when emergency services arrived. Firefighters located 3 dogs inside the house and removed them. One dog received CPR and oxygen from the EMS crew and was revived and the other 2 dogs were fine. No injuries were reported to emergency crews or the residents.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

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Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Janet White, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.
Janet White, County Clerk