

**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 July 7, 2021. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
George Pretz, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Casey d'Augereau, Executive Secretary
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	

News: Doug Carder, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Sam Moon, Marla England, Jennifer Williams, Dennis Koch, Bill Osborn, Shay Hanyak, Charlie Koch

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission meeting on June 30, 2021
- Approval of AP payment vouchers & Payroll
- Voiding & Reconciling 2018 General Account outstanding checks that have been retained on the books for two years (R21-07-023)
- Add-on:
 - Resolution to Adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan (R21-07-024)
 - 2021/2022 Wellness Plan for Miami County benefits

Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous.

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Roberts stated around this time of year since 2017 Miami County Commission remembers and recognizes the men and women who have fought in our military and served side by side to protect the freedoms of America. Chairman Roberts stated it is an honor to remember the five citizens of Miami County who went off to Vietnam War and were not fortunate enough to return home. Chairman Roberts proclaimed July 7, 2021 Day of Remembrance / Day of Honor. The Miami County citizens killed or missing in action for the Vietnam conflict are:

- Corporal Lawrence Edward Bauer of Louisburg
- First Lieutenant Clarence Paul Lewis of Louisburg
- Commissaryman First Class Ward Karl Patton of Fontana
- Staff Sergeant Larry Dean Smith of Paola
- Hospitalman Dan Thomas Wards of Paola

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider signing a resolution adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R21-07-024)

Chairman Roberts stated Human Resources is asking the Commissioners to consider approving the 2021/2022 Wellness Program for Miami County employees. Commissioner Vaughan stated the plan presented is still very competitive in the insurance market. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the 2021/2022 Wellness Program, Commissioner Gallagher seconded. Chairman Roberts stated there is a secondary incentive plan

offered by Humana through Go365. Commissioner Pretz stated he will be voting no, he doesn't agree with the hike in penalty from \$15.00 per paycheck to \$40.00 per paycheck. We need to pay people more, but we are going to penalize them; the incentives are fine. What lowers the cost is participation. The vote was 4 – 1 with Commissioner Pretz voting no.

STAFF COMMENTS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, stated he sent an email to the Commissioners about a fracture critical inspection finding on bridge 9B6 located on 335th Street west of Pressonville Road commonly referred to as Carey's Bridge. This bridge is over 100 years old and has a weight limit of 3 tons. Matt used his own vehicle as an example stating it weighs 6,000 pounds which exceeds the weight limit of the bridge. Chairman Roberts moved to have the bridge close temporarily immediately giving Road & Bridge 30 days to seek estimates for repairs. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, updated the Commissioners on a couple of things:

- Completed Indianapolis yesterday
- Referred to last week's meeting when a citizen asked about having a reduced speed from 55 mph to 45 mph. Will be meeting with City of Spring Hill Public Works Director, Jackie Messer, tomorrow. As a person leaves Spring Hill it is 35 mph then changes to 55 mph. The area the gentleman referred to last week would mean going from 35 to 55 to 45 back to 55, Mr. McMahon is concerned that will not work.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan read a notice submitted by Mayor Mark Govea of Osawatomie and Attested by Mike Scanlon, Osawatomie Flamingo Wrangler. "The Day of the Phoenicopteris Ruber", also known as The Day of the Pink Flamingo. Whereas, it was on good authority (Osawatomie City Manager) that these simply might be escapees from the Miami County Jail (aka Jail Birds); and Whereas, it was also on good authority (Osawatomie Mayor) that these simply might be miniature two-legged cows owned by Commissioner Pretz. The Miami County Commissioners just got Flocked. This is a fund raiser for life Care Center of Osawatomie.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White, County Clerk