

**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 21, 2024. Those present were:

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

News: Brian McCauley, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Shay Hanyasak, Bryce Smith, Dino Motta, Paul Scruggs, Robyn Harris

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robyn Harris, 34117 W. 263rd Street, wanted to address the Commission regarding the gravel roads in Richland Township. Ms. Harris said the roads are horrible and seems to be in the worst shape they have ever been in since she moved here in 1995. Ms. Harris sent photos to Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, two weeks ago and although he has been responsive to her calls and emails nothing has been done to improve the conditions of the roads in her area. She also feels like the work that has been done is not done correctly, such as the crown in the road and the scraping after the snow that has caused 5 ft. of gravel to develop in her easement from the last time a road grader was out. Ms. Harris feels neglected. Ms. Harris said she was told that after the road grader left someone on a tractor with a blade came along and is thinking that may be where all of the gravel went off the road, but she does not know. Chairman Vaughan said Mr. Sandberg was currently in the meeting and if she would like to speak to him afterwards, he is available.

Dino Motta, 17905 W. 319th Street, said he does not understand why the County is asking for more money in the budget than before. Population growth over the last four years has been 2% and the increase in the budget has gone from \$621/person to \$791/person which is a 27% increase. Mr. Motta also questioned why the Commission compensation line was listed as an almost 40% increase. Chairman Vaughan stated the Commissioners take the same increase that all of the other county employees take and although he appreciates the time Mr. Motta has taken in his analysis the County has a department that digs in deep to this and although Mr. Motta has done his analysis based on the information he has, that information does not take into account other funds such as ARPA that the County receives. Chairman Vaughan said regarding the Commission compensation line that the Commissioners receive the same wage increase as the rest of the employees. Shane Krull, County Administrator, took a look and it appears that there is a mistake in the numbers posted online. Chairman Vaughan said he will take Mr. Motta's opinion, clarify the Commission compensation line and would suggest that Mr. Motta join them at budget time so that he can see all that goes into that process of developing the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on February 14, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Lake Region SWA Expansion membership to include Shawnee County

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing for the Lake Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (LRSWA) at 1:24 p.m.

Shay Hanysak, Regional Coordinator for Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority, said LRSWA was looking to expand on the six counties that are already members. LRSWA has an established way of doing things and there is a benefit of part of a region. Shawnee County was interested in joining because of what LRSWA provides from an administrative standpoint such as running the meetings, doing the minutes and public outreach. (A24-02-006, A24-02-007, A24-02-008)

Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 1:31.

Shay Hanysak, Regional Coordinator for Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority, requested the Commissioners to consider signing a resolution adopting the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-02-003)

STAFF COMMENTS

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, reminded the Commissioners that the auditor will be in house Monday through Wednesday next week.

Commissioner Roberts asked Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, to look at the handouts Mr. Motta gave out during his public comment and give feedback to the Commissioners.

Kenneth Cook, Planning Director, asked the Commissioners to consider appointing Randy Kitchen to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, said after a quick review regarding the Commission compensation line he thinks there was an error made. There was discussion to increase the Board of County Commissioners salary by \$10,000.00 per person. This increase did not pass, and it mistakenly was not deleted from the budget.

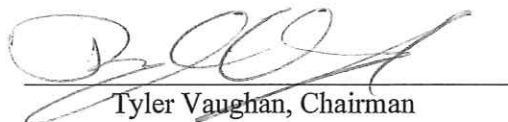
COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Randy Kitchen to serve on the Miami County Board of Zoning Appeals, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

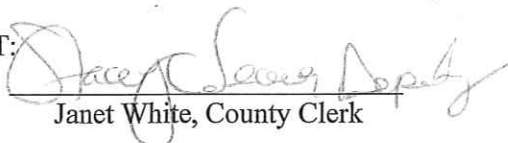
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk