

**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 March 13, 2024. Those present were:

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

Absent: Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

Visitors: Phil Dixon, Dino Motta, Robin Motta

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Pretz 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 March 06, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- 24001-SUB Gilmore Acres Subdivision
- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing a request to solicit bids for improvements to the District Court Clerk's Office. Judge Harth who visited with the Board of County Commissioners last week said there is an urgency to get the District Court Clerk's office secured. The scope of work includes renovations and modernizations to the service counter area to mitigate potential threats and the Commissioners would like to see multiple options. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider approving the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Miami County. The membership is approved on a yearly basis. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Darryl White, Noxious Weed Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the 2024 Noxious Weed Management Plan and 2023 Eradication Report. Mr. White said there are not many changes from the previous year's plan which focused on the South half of the County's rights-of-way. The North side of the County will be completed in two quarters in 2024. Commissioner Pretz asked what the procedure is if a private citizen is concerned about noxious weeds on another property. Mr. White said that the citizen can contact his office and a letter will be sent to the property owner. Commissioner Roberts asked if a process could be put in place, such as letters, for new homeowners moving into the County to let them know about the noxious weed issue and how it is their responsibility to take care of it if they are found on their property. Mr. White agreed that would be a good way to reach and educate citizens. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Diediker moved to approve Darryl White as the Noxious Weed Supervisor for 2024, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts would like Commissioner Pretz, while at the committee meeting this afternoon, voice Miami County's concerns on how the potential elimination of any gas tax would be harmful to every county in Kansas. It would be a dangerous move and would harm 105 out of 105 counties. It would be devastating, and it will impact property taxes the day it happens.

Commissioner Vickrey said it is wise to make sure they understand their concerns. It is not just the concerns but the responsibility of the County to service and maintain the roads.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, said the gas tax is approximately 22%-25% of the Road and Bridge budget and represents approximately \$1,300,000.00.

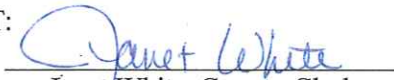
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk