

**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 20, 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	

Visitors: Abby Mills, Paul Scruggs, Mike Pan, Sarah Hopkins, Dino Motta

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on March 13, 2024.
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Grant of Easement Agreement: 24001-LS thru 24004-LS (23-Wellsville-160) **(A24-03-010)**
- Grant of Easement Agreement: 24005-LS (Conner) **(A24-03-011)**
- Action Item #3, Sheriff's Office Phone System Agreement with GoTo will be moved to Action Item #1, Action Item #1 Small Town Water & Sewer Infrastructure Assistance Grant Agreement will move down to Action Item #2, Action Item #3 HPE Alletra Storage from ISG Technology will move down to Action Item #4
- Add-On: Action Item #3 USDA Rural Development Loan and Water & Waste System Grant Agreement Rural Utilities Service
- Add-On: Action Item #5 Flags for the Miami County Veteran Park

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Kelly, Undersheriff, requested the Commissioners to approve the Sheriff's Office Phone System Agreement with GoTo. The agreement, which does not include sales tax, is for 36 months at a cost of \$1634 per month. Miami County will own the equipment which will be warrantied for 24 months with a low replacement cost (approximately \$100.00) of equipment after the warranty has expired. All lines at the Sheriff's office will have recording capabilities on all lines for 13 months. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A24-03-014)**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to approve the Small-Town Water and Sewer Infrastructure Assistance Grant Agreement between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment acting on behalf of the State of Kansas and Miami County, Kansas, Grant No. STGCW05. This grant agreement will be used to pay costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of a project to abandon the existing wastewater treatment facility serving Miami County Sewer District No. 2 (Bucyrus) and install a new lift station, force main and other appurtenances necessary to connect to the City of Spring Hill for wastewater treatment. The 6-inch line that will be installed will facilitate potential future home sites in Bucyrus. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A24-03-012)**

Sarah Hopkins, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan Specialist, requested the Commissioners to approve the Water and Waste System Grant Agreement for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service and sign corresponding loan documents. This will help with costs

associated with the connection from Bucyrus to the City of Spring Hill wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A24-03-015)

Rich Larson, Information Systems Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving and authorizing the installment of HPE Alletra Storage from ISG Technology for Miami County's data center. The cost is \$155,268.07. The current system is at the end of its lifespan and the new system should last 10 years. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A24-03-013)

Commissioner Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider purchasing new flags for the Miami County Veterans Memorial. In total 11 flags will be replaced at a cost of less than \$2500.00. The money for the purchase will come from the Miami County Park Fund. This money comes to the County from alcohol sales. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

APPLICATIONS

Janet White, County Clerk, stated the Miami County Clerk and Elections Office held the Presidential Preference Primary yesterday. This is the third time the State of Kansas has done this. The first one was in 1980, the second 1992 and now 2024. The audit will be tomorrow March 21, 2024. The idea of the audit is to get a good sampling to make sure the results that were received are what the machine counted. A hand count will take place with a board of 11 people. The Secretary of State Office set a benchmark of 25 votes cast on the Democratic side and 25 votes cast on the Republican side. Miami County had only 3 precincts coming close to that benchmark. Chairman Vaughan drew Paola City 4 as the precinct to be audited.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, said the new Osawatimie Fire Rescue Truck was in the front of the building and available to view. The truck went into service last week and had responded to its first call yesterday.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts would like to have a Study Session regarding the next renewal of the quarter-cent sales tax for the Road and Bridge Department. Historically, this is presented to the voters 1 year before it expires, which is December 31, 2025. There is also a deadline to put the question on the ballot for the August primary election so discussion on the subject needs to happen in the next week or two.

Commissioner Roberts would also like to have a discussion, in the Study Session in the next couple of weeks, on the steps forward for the courthouse. He would like to give Shane Krull, County Administrator, the authority to solicit firms to give Miami County the right design and potential bids to see what the final cost of some of the repairs and restorations will be. A discussion will also be had about how far they would like to go with the Historical Trust Fund.

Commissioner Pretz announced that the Canvass for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday March 27, 2024.

Commissioner Pretz said there may be more than 2 Commissioners present after the meeting to view the new Fire Rescue Truck.

Chairman Vaughan said he had a conversation with Mayor Cook and City Administrator Law from Louisburg regarding the Metcalf 2.0 Project. There is some confusion in Louisburg that the project has not closed. It was the Commissions understanding that the project has closed. Chairman Vaughan would like Commissioner Vickrey and Shane Krull, County Administrator, to get confirmation that the project is

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complete and clarify with Mayor Cook that the County's responsibility of Metcalf 2.0 has ended.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.



ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk


Tyler Vaughan, Chairman