

**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 April 03, 2024. Those present were:

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| Tyler Vaughan, Chairman            | Shane Krull, County Administrator    |
| George Pretz, Pro-Tem              | Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk   |
| Keith Diediker, Commissioner       | Shannon Gaboni, Operation Specialist |
| Bonnie "Rob" Roberts, Commissioner |                                      |
| W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner      |                                      |

**Visitors:** Dino Motta

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dino Motta, 17905 W. 319<sup>th</sup> Street, said he had the privilege of attending the Miami County Planning Commission meeting. Unfortunately, he had the privilege of the most vicious attacks on a Miami County taxpayer he has ever witnessed. The gentleman asked if the taxpayer had ever driven down a gravel road. Of course he had as his property is on a gravel road in Miami County. The gentleman then went on to accuse the taxpayer of not getting a building permit, when a permit for the work done, was not needed and the taxpayer violated no code. His sin is that his neighbor complained. In addition, the gentleman did not bother to read or understand the terms or conditions of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) being discussed. The gentleman had been rendered deaf to the truth by his own prejudice. Corrective action needs to be taken and at a minimum this gentleman needs give a written apology to the taxpayer. Is this who we want to represent Miami County? Is this the face we want to present to other who may plan to relocate or purchase goods in Miami County? Mr. Motta sincerely hopes not, and this gentleman was way out of line, and something needs to be done. Mr. Motta then spoke on the Cricket Field CUP, going over the protest petition, dust control and traffic concerns that were brought up during the Planning Commission meeting and how a lot of resources are seemingly wasted on something he feels should be a non-issue. Mr. Motta then spoke on the Firefly Farms CUP, he wanted to clarify that the owner of this property agreed with the dust control portion of the CUP but questioned its value. Mr. Kitchen's voted against this particular CUP based on the inconsistency with the Planning Commission on where they would like the dust control to be applied. Lastly, if the county requires something but they no longer are willing to provide, why is it a requirement.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on March 27, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities
- Add-On: Approval of minutes from the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION**

Proclamation – April Fair Housing Month. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Proclamation – April County Government Month. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bobby Wardecker, Planning Department, requested the Commissioners table the 24001-Z: Rezoning for CS to C2 Klaasmeyer Properties to next week. Commissioner Pretz moved to table for one week, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R24-03-008)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Vaughan requested the Commissioners to consider a Resolution canceling the County Commission meeting of April 17 due to a lack of a quorum. Three or more Commissioners will be attending the annual meeting for Kansas counties in Fort Scott. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R24-04-009)**

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to award and execute the agreement with Baldridge Engineering, LLC. for the 2024 Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program in the amount of \$77,200.00. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A24-04-016)**

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to authorize the Commission Chair to sign the Notice of Award for Killough Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$3,196,990.60 or 2024 Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program, Project # 24-01-CO (696). Bids were opened on March 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Killough Construction, Inc. was the apparent low bidder. Work is expected to begin between April 22, 2024, and August 12, 2024, for 60 working days. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to sign the Notice of Award for Bryan Ohlmeier Construction Co., Inc. for the amount of \$440,851.00 for construction on Phase 2 Culvert Replacements, Project # 24-03-SB (698). Bids were opened on March 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with Bryan Ohlmeier Construction Co., Inc. being the apparent low bidder. The contractor will have from June 1, 2024, to June 1, 2025, to complete the work on this project. Each of the three sites will be allowed 90 consecutive calendar days from the date of initial closure to complete the work at that site. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners Consider the approval of a resolution amending the Miami County Organizational Chart. Miami County has developed an organizational chart to manage budgeted and approved positions and staffing within county departments and funds. The organizational chart represents the official position roster of the county, based upon the Miami County Position Classification & Pay Scale. The Board of County Commissioners have requested an amendment to the county organizational chart to include the following change: Reclassification of one (1) part-time (0.6 FTE) Appraiser I position to a full-time (1.0 FTE) Appraiser I position, to be funded 60% from the County Appraiser (0100-020) budget and 40% from the Reappraisal (0321-321) budget. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R24-04-010)**

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider the approval of a request to accept the renewal proposal from BCBS of Kansas for the 2024-2025 benefit plan year and authorize the County Administrator to execute documents related to the renewal. The Board of County Commissioners received the benefit renewal options from Lockton during the regular commission meeting on March 27, 2024. During the meeting, the commission asked to move forward with the renewal proposal from Blue Cross & Blue Shield (BCBS) of Kansas to provide medical and prescription benefits to county employees for the 2024-2025 benefit plan year. BCBS has agreed to provide the county with a \$100,000 first



month bill credit, and a \$100,000 bill credit effective 01/01/2025. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider the approval of a request to accept the renewal proposal from VSP for vision insurance for the 2024-2025 benefit plan year and authorize the County Administrator to execute documents related to the renewal. The Board of County Commissioners received the benefit renewal options for vision insurance from Lockton during the regular commission meeting on March 27, 2024. During the meeting, the Commission expressed their desire to move forward with the renewal proposal from VSP to provide vision benefits to county employees for the 2024-2025 benefit plan year Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, first gave an update on the county wide 800 Radio System. The Freeman sight has been signed off on and the formal testing for coverage will take place in mid-June. Second, there was a barn fire on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Estimated loss to the barn and contents is \$500,000.00. Exact cause is undetermined but was possibly an issue with the air compressor. No injuries were reported. Third, Mr. Whelan would like to give a shout out to Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, and his staff. A paramedic unit requested fire assistance on a call for a miscarriage in the county. Mr. Whelan responded as well. Paramedics Maria Urban and Rayn Robinson responded to the scene and showed true concern and empathy to both the mom and the family. They were compassionate, calm in dealing with the situation, and showed the highest level of professionalism. The patient was adamant she does not go to the hospital in an ambulance. Both stayed on scene until she was stabilized, and it was safe enough for her husband to drive her to the hospital. They assisted with getting her in the vehicle and remained on scene, cleaned everything up and left the home pristine. Mr. Whelan said this is how all the crews he has interacted with handle all of their call responses and it is just good to know how well the citizens and visitors to Miami County are taken care of by the EMS staff. They do an outstanding job in a difficult situation.

#### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vickrey moved to appoint Drew Siebert of Louisburg to the Miami County Economic Development Board, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pretz wanted to announce that 3 or more Commissioners may be present at the following; First, Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Miami County Airport to visit with Representative Sharice Davids. Second, Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Miami County Administration Building Board of County Commissioners Chambers for the Old KC Road Rehab Project.

Commissioner Pretz also wanted to announce the bridge openings at Lonestar and Eagle Drive and 399<sup>th</sup> Street, East of Crescent Hill Road.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Roberts moved to have a Personnel Exception Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 1:45 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Chairman Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 2:05 p.m.

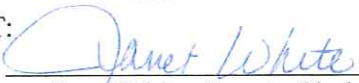
Chairman Vaughan moved to have a Personnel Exception Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 2:05 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

  
Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Janet White, County Clerk