

**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 May 08, 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
Bonnie "Rob" Roberts, Commissioner	
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Visitors: Ronald Kalcic, Robert Devault, Robyn Harris

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Kalcic, 24309 Mission Belleview, said he has in his hand, his half year payment on his property taxes, which is just shy of \$4,000.00. He pays approximately \$8,000.00/year on property taxes. There are 29 homes on his road from 239th Street to 247th Street and they have asked that that road at minimum be chip and seal, which has never been done. Currently, there are two culverts on the road that are clogged and do not function, from dust control that had been done a few years ago and was washed away. Now, instead of doing dust control, rock is laid down approximately 3 times a year and some of this rock is about the size of a golf ball. There are also potholes about 8 inches deep at these culverts. Mr. Kalcic needs the culvert at his property, which is damaging a pond, to be dug out as soon as possible. Mr. Kalcic feels it would be more cost effective to chip and seal the road, rather than laying rock multiple times a year. They need the road fixed, the culverts dug out and is requesting someone from the Commission to contact him about getting that done.

Robert Devault, 36830 State Line Road, has a complaint about the fencing laws. Mr. Devault is requesting that the Commission come out and do a fence viewing. If possible, Mr. Devault would like to avoid a lawsuit with his neighbor. Shane Krull, County Administrator, said that a fence viewing can be done but the purpose of it is to see if the fence in question meets state standards. It is not used to settle disputes. Commissioner Roberts requested Mr. Krull to send Mr. Devault the required paperwork.

Robyn Harris, 34117 W. 263rd Street, said it two days it will have been six weeks since she had her 3rd property tax appeal. The original meeting date was March 26, 2024. In her past appeals, she received a letter from the Appraisers office, typically within a couple of weeks' time, updating her on where she stands with her appeal process. She has not received any correspondence from her last appeal, and she expects an answer. Ms. Harris expressed that during her last appeal she felt rushed, uncomfortable and like it was an inquisition. In the past she felt like she was listened to, but not during the current appeal. Ms. Harris would like to know why she has not gotten any results or answers from her appeal.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on May 01, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – National Law Enforcement Week. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Commission Chair to execute the Survey and Design Services Agreement with Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. for Bridge 3.5-Q.1 Replacement Project 24-02-SB (697). The bridge is located on 379th Street 0.2 miles east of Somerset Road. The agreement is for \$83,986.00 and will be funded from the Special Bridge Fund. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A24-05-024)**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Commission Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the consulting agreement with Olsson, Inc. for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-20-0063-023/024. This amendment will revise the Agreement executed on November 29, 2023. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A24-05-025 REF: A23-12-073)**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to accept the bid award and recommendation for Runway 3/21 Sealcoat and Apron Overlay project at the Miami County Airport. On April 25, 2024, four bids were opened for this project with McConnell & Associates being the low bidder at \$618,579.70. Olsson, Inc. recommends that the contract be awarded to McConnell & Associates. Along with being the low bidder, they have also completed various similar FAA projects and are qualified to do the work. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the purchase of a used self-propelled broom truck from Kirby Smith for \$70,750.00. It is a 2022 Broce Broom model with 187 hours on it. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to sign the Bucyrus Sewer CDBG Time Extension Request Letter. Due to delays outside of Miami County's control it took longer to commence the project. The amended finish date is December 31, 2025. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Commission Chair to sign the Bucyrus Sewer Time Extension Amendment Request No. 1. This is to request a 7-month extension. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A24-03-012-A REF: A24-03-012)**

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, came to give the Commissioners an update on a grain elevator fire at Carstens Farms Elevator in Fontana. Firefighters from Fontana, Louisburg, Osawatomie, and Paola were dispatched to the scene along with Miami County Sheriff's Office and Miami County EMS. There were several issues that worked against the firefighters on this call causing delays in response. Railroad crossings were blocked causing some departments to use muddy gravel roads, downed power lines and water supply issues were the significant issues. Mr. Whelan has been in contact with BNSF to find out how long the train blocked the crossings and the cause. Estimated damage to the structure and contents is \$500,000.00 with no injuries reported.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Diediker announced he will not be at the Board of County Commissioners meeting next Wednesday March 15, 2024.

Commissioner Vickrey wanted to thank everyone who has reached out. His daughter Johanna passed away

Monday morning. She was a very caring nurse who lived in Topeka. They are thankful to have a community of support, church, friends, and family close. Thank you to everyone, it is helping our family.

Commissioner Roberts would like to encourage Shane Krull, County Administrator, to see when Robyn Harris will receive an answer regarding her issue during public comment. It is very important for citizens to receive a timely response with their appeals. Commissioner Roberts would also like to encourage Eric Sanberg, Road and Bridge Director, to see how we can address the concerns raised by Ronald Kalcic during his public comment.

Chairman Vaughan let Commissioner Vickrey know that they are all very sorry for his loss. Chairman Vaughan said that the Commissioners may not respond during public comment at the time, but they take those matters very seriously.

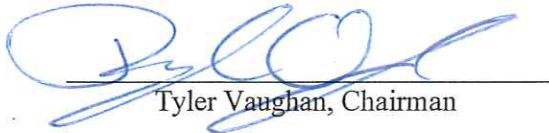
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Roberts moved to have a Personnel Exception Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 1:41 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk