

**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 July 03, 2024. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
George Pretz, Pro-Tem	County Counselor, Kirk Ridgway
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Bonnie "Rob" Roberts, Commissioner	Wendy Newton, Operation Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Specialist

Visitors: Mike Martin

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Martin Sr., 13096 W 287th St, handed out pictures of his road. The pictures show that the road has been washed out and he would like to have a grader get the rock pulled out of the ditch and spread back onto the road with a crown to the center so rain can run into the ditch. He said the ditches are full of rock and this is preventing water from running off the road. He has made complaints to Road and Bridge previously. Commissioner Roberts stated he would get with the Road and Bridge Director to see if they could come out Friday and take a look.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on June 26, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Lucas Mellinger, Finance Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Chair to sign notification to the County Clerk of intent on not exceeding revenue neutral for Miami County. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Lucas Mellinger, Finance Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Chair to sign notification to the County Clerk of intent on not exceeding revenue neutral for Bucyrus Lights & Sirens. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Lucas Mellinger, Finance Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Chair to sign notification to the County Clerk of intent on not exceeding revenue neutral for Hillsdale Lights & Sirens. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sitting as Fire Board #1 – 1:07 p.m.

Lucas Mellinger, Finance Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Chair to sign notification to the County Clerk of intent on not exceeding revenue neutral for Miami County Fire District #1. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Closed sitting as Fire Board #1 – 1:08 p.m.

Lucas Mellinger, Finance Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Chair to sign notification to the County Clerk of intent on not exceeding revenue neutral for Miami County Fire District #2. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator handed out a description of fire dispatch calls. 6/20/24 fire on the NW corner of 295th street and Indianapolis. Dispatched 5:27 pm arrived 5:39 pm for 3 hours no injuries. 6/22/24 fire near 271st street and Old Kansas City RD. Dispatched at 8:18 pm arrived at 8:34 pm. On scene a couple of hours with no injuries. 6/28/24 Franklin County requested assistance on an oil tank battery fire. Cutler Township and several other stations responded. He also stated they are doing a pump test for Miami County and Paola City testing next week.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated he hopes the Commission can influence other entities to follow their lead to go Revenue Neutral.

Commissioner Roberts stated the Commission and the elected official had 10 2025 budget session meetings which were all live streamed. He also stated that tomorrow America will celebrate its 247th birthday, Independence Day, and he honored and thanked the men and women who have served for their country including Mike Martin who spoke during public comment.

Commissioner Diediker stated he will be on vacation the next two weeks and will be missing the meetings held on July 10 and July 17.

Chairman Pretz stated there will be a meeting on July 11 at 7 pm for the Miami County Republican Party in the City of Louisburg at Timbercreek Restaurant and there could be more than 2 Commissioners there. He also stated that there was a team effort to achieve Revenue Neutral Budget and it will be tough to accomplish and stay on budget next year, but we are all mindful of tax dollars and will get the job done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Exception Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation for 10 minutes beginning at 1:22 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, County Counselor, Sheriff, and Undersheriff. Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

(Seal)




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk