

**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 August 7, 2024. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
George Pretz, Pro-Term	County Counselor, when present
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Bonnie "Rob" Roberts, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Visitors: Paul Brewer, Ruby Brewer, Jeff Oliver

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruby Brewer, 31420 W. 303rd Street, stated the Jefferson Highway was one of the first paved roads and is one of the longest highways in the United States. There will be 40 plus national military vehicles coming through Paola in October because of me. The military wants to know more about the Jefferson Highway. Ruby said she has a sign up in front of the Paola Middle School and hoping to get more signs put up before October 13, 2024.

Chairman Vaughan asked Ruby Brewer how we can help support you with the sign?

Ruby Brewer stated she already has the donations for the sign. What I need from the Commissioners is permission, the post for the sign, and help putting it up.

Chairman Vaughan stated that would be great and Shane Krull, County Administrator, can work with the Road and Bridge department to put the sign up.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated we will get the sign from you and invite you to be a part of it. We will do the installation of the sign to make sure it meets the safety requirements for the roadway. We would certainly welcome you to be a part of the team either that morning or afternoon if it will fit in your schedule.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on July 31, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider accepting the recommendations of the Fence Viewers Report and authorize the County Counselor to prepare an official resolution.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated Robert Devault had requested a fence viewing on his property on June 12, 2024. The fence viewing group consisted of Commissioner Diediker, Commissioner Vaughan, Commissioner Pretz, and Shane Krull. The group met on site with Mr. Devault and Terry Patterson on behalf of Wilda Jo Smith Trust and looked at the fence that still needs to be repaired. The fence viewers observed the replaced fence on the southside of the creek and the remaining one hundred feet of fence that still needs replaced and the County Counselor produced some recommendations.

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Angie Eads, Director of Community Corrections, requested the Chairman to sign FY24 Community Corrections Year-End Outcome Report Signatory Approval for Adult Services Comp Plan.

Angie Eads stated some of the goals and outcomes worked on for FY24 was doing a risk assessment on each of our clients within 30 days to identify their needs. We ended the year at 70% of our assessments. Adult Services are stressing to the clients the importance to show up on time. Ms. Eads stated she is going to track the numbers next year to see where we are at since we have not tracked them before. Each month the staff reaches out to someone our clients identify as a natural support to the community to see if there is something we can assist them with and touch base on how they are doing.

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Roberts stated he appreciated the written dialog; it was fascinating to see your staff's response to things. I had a better understanding of the barriers you have. Commissioner Roberts stated thank you.

Angie Eads, Director of Community Corrections, requested the Chairman to sign FY24 Community Corrections Year-End Outcome Report Signatory Approval for Juvenile Services Comp Plan

Ms. Eads said the goals in the immediate intervention program and Juvenile intake and assessments were pretty much the same. A goal we have is writing policies and getting them all updated so we can meet our requirements of the staff reviewing the standards and the policies each year. We are training another staff member to do the risk needs assessments so we can be on track to get those completed and turned in on a timely manner.

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented,

Chairman Vaughan stated nice work on this too.

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing to Miami County Kansas 2025 Budget at 1:23p.m.

Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 1:23p.m

Commissioner Roberts moved to accept the 2025 Miami County Budget, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing to Bucyrus Lights & Sirens 2025 Budget at 1:26p.m.

Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 1:26p.m

Commissioner Vickrey moved to accept the 2025 Bucyrus Lights & Sirens Budget, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing to Hillsdale Lights & Sirens 2025 Budget at 1:27p.m.

Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 1:27p.m

Commissioner Vaughan moved to accept the 2025 Hillsdale Lights & Sirens Budget, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing to Miami County Rural Fire District #1 2025 Budget at 1:28p.m.

Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 1:28p.m

Commissioner Pretz moved to accept the 2025 Miami County Rural Fire District #1 Budget, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing to Miami County Rural Fire District #2 2025 Budget at 1:29p.m.

Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 1:29p.m

Commissioner Vickrey moved to accept the 2025 Miami County Rural Fire District #2 Budget, Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated a few weeks ago a group of residents that attended the Commissioners Meeting and spoke on concerns with the comprehensive land use plan that Osawatomie is in the process of amending. Some of the specific concerns was a recent consent annexation that occurred at the car dealership located at 327th street and US 169 Highway. At the end of that meeting the commissioners stated they would explore the standing of that matter with the County Counselor and ask for his review. Mr. Krull stated he had received a memo August 6, 2024, and in that memo, it provides a timeline of events. On February of 2007 KDOT executed a consent to annexation of the Right of Way on highway 169 from 367th street north to 327th street. "So that aspect of it with Osawatomie subsequent action in March of 2007 whereas the city annexed that portion of ground had provided that physical touch point to what is known as the corporate city limits of Osawatomie."

Chairman Vaughan stated he believes there is a request to put that on official record.

Commissioner Roberts moved to make the City of Osawatomie Consent Annexation document that came from our legal counsel be placed in the permanent record and public record, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Roberts stated I think it is important to state as a Public Official, City Counselor, County Commissioner or State Representative when they attend a meeting like this, and they stand at that podium as a State Official, and they make misleading misrepresentations against other public officials they need to be corrected and today the legal counsel of the firms that we hire has corrected that.

Shane Krull stated with the approval of our budgets today, he wanted to express his appreciation to Lucas Mellinger, Finance Director and Sydney Prothe, Finance Department and everyone else involved putting the budgets together.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey thanked Commissioner Roberts for his years of service. It is always difficult when you have a friend that is an incumbent that loses a vote. It's hard to not take that personally. I know you are very dedicated and worked very hard for this county and thank you for all those years.

Commissioner Roberts stated the Mid America Regional Counsel appoints a primary and a secondary person to the Solid Waste Committee that oversees the different growth patterns of getting rid of our trash. Our county has the ability to appoint someone, and I would ask the commission for their consideration to appoint Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director as the primary person and Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, as the secondary person.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Diediker stated he would also like to thank Commissioner Roberts. He helped me with my little task with the City of Fontana on getting some assistance on their infrastructure. Also stated Commissioner Roberts does work very hard and spends a lot of time here at the Commissioner Chambers, and he will be missed. Thank you for your tenure.

Commissioner Pretz stated same thing to Commissioner Roberts. He does have a few months left and we are going to work him to death. Also stated a sincere thanks to the County Clerks Office and the election workers and the people that did come out to vote. It was a well-run event, with that there is more work to do on the primary election. Also stated that on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the clerk's office will be The Board of Canvassers there to go over the results and make various rulings on the provisional ballots. All five commissioners should be there.

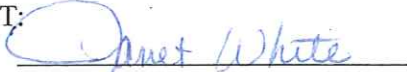
Chairman Vaughan stated he will echo the comments and add a few for Commissioner Roberts, I know he will be working hard until his last days sitting in his seat. Thank you for your service to the county. Elections are hard and being elected is hard, it is hard work, it's not easy work. You have served the people you have represented extremely well. Your wealth of knowledge and I think your institutional knowledge will be missed. Thank you for your service.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Janet White, County Clerk