

**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 14, 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	

News: Ryan Gamboa KSHB 41

Visitors: Jeff Oliver, Sheila Doherty, Pete Vegelah, Paul Scruggs

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Gamboa, News Reporter for KSHB 41 Kansas City, introduced himself and informed the commissioners that he will be primarily covering Miami County and Cass County, predominantly here in Miami County.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on August 07, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Chair to sign the 2025 Annual Budget for the Sixth Judicial District.

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, stated we passed our budget last Wednesday, and now need the Chairman's signature for the state.

Commissioner Pretz asked Mr. Mellinger to explain what the state pays for over in the Court House and what the county pays.

Lucas Mellinger stated we pay for the day-to-day expenses for the office, utilities, and an IT contractor and the state pays for the wages, and KPERS.

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

MCFD#1 - Rescue gear for Rescue 41. Tabled till August 28, 2024

Chairman Vaughan moved to table MCFD#1 - Rescue gear for Rescue 41, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

AGREEMENT: C24-08-002 Lease extension for EMS Hillsdale location

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated you have in front of you a lease extension for 6 months from Congressional LLC with Narrow Gate Management. The manager is Robby Ballard who is very supportive with EMS and Public Safety. The amount of \$2,925 per month is a 3% increase from what we are at currently.

Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. See (C23-05-007, C19-07-010)

BID ACCEPTANCE & AWARD: 2024-012-IFB Miami County EMS - Hillsdale Facility Bid Opening 1504.11.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated Miami County received 5 bids on the construction of an EMS station on property acquired in the Hillsdale community. The architect's estimate cost \$2,502,885.00, a bid alternative with the equipment bay addition was \$299,754.00, alternate 1B, a possible bid reduction addressing a sewer main of \$47,173.00. The winning bid from CB Construction Services came in at \$2,024,000.00, alternate 1A, equipment bay addition \$158,000.00, deduction alternate 1B, omit the Force Main Sewer System of \$28,000. That centers on the depth of the 30" water line there if we can adequately go under it for gravity flow or if there needs to be a lift installed to pressurize the system. In addition to the bids, we received we also went through a valued engineering exercise with representatives of the firm as well as our architect Richard Zingre, Project Architect, and EMS members to identify possible savings. The possible savings can total up to \$112,502.00.

Chairman Vaughan stated from a funding aspect we have around \$1 million from ARPA that we had set aside as well as around \$400,000.00.

Shane Krull stated we have \$1,069,835.00 in the building reserve for this project and allocated \$426,000 ARPA funds to bring the total of \$1,495,835.00. In addition, we have monies in the building reserve not pledged against other projects that can be utilized to cover the difference.

Commissioner Pretz stated how we started down this path that Johnson County provided our ambulance service to the north of the county in certain regions and said at one point they were no longer going to service our area. So, we now have a facility for our staff that we can only use during the daytime that are housed at our other facilities at night. We need a permanent location because we get a lot of calls up there. A big factor is the Hillsdale State Lake, a top tourist area of the state, as well as for our own citizens.

Commissioner Roberts stated he appreciates Commissioner Pretz comments. It takes time to fulfill a vision We purchased property and turn it into a future potential commercial business park to invest in. We will have the infrastructure in place for future businesses and have a modern up to date EMS paramedic facility to work out of. Welcome aboard CB Construction.

Commissioner Vickrey stated I wish we would look at an existing property to save the taxpayers money that could be refurbished and more room.

Commissioner Vaughan stated to clarify to the public we did take an exhaustive look at the building, and we renovated an existing building in Paola and spent \$800,000 back in 2017, so to revamp an existing building and make it adequate for what we need for the cost of what we are getting, the majority of this commission did not find feasible.

Commissioner Roberts moved to accept the bid for construction for the new EMS Paramedic Station in Hillsdale and in the motion, we approve option 1 base bid, option 2 the alternative 1A, option 3 a deduction, and option 4 the valued engineering, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, stated we discussed a right of way a few weeks ago on Pleasant Valley Road north of 379th street. This is a section of a minimum maintenance road that is currently outside of our right of way. After consulting with legal there is a couple of options. First option is for the property owner to donate that bit of land. Second option is negotiating a purchase price. Either option is going to cost money. If they donate, we have to get legal documentation, get it all recorded, and get it surveyed.

Commissioner Diediker asked if Mr. Sandberg had looked at the cost of removing the existing abutments there and putting a culvert in and leaving the road where it is? We have the equipment to dozer that ourselves, put a couple of used culverts in, and some two-inch rock on top so they can get back there.

Eric Sandberg stated I can come back next week with that estimate and have a better idea of what the cost might be.

Frank Burrow, Chief of EMS, stated he wanted to thank the commissioners and past commissioners that have played a roll of getting us to the path of where we are today. I just finished submitting all our grants for the LLSC (Local Safety and Security Equipment) grant. When the grant money comes in it should total \$21,696. For the project of tough books, it cost \$5,400. We are at 71.72% in our revenue. Our expenses are at 53% so we are at the halfway mark. Pinnacle has our new unit; they are figuring out where the equipment is going to be placed on the truck since this truck is laid out different from our other truck.

Commissioner Roberts asked Frank Burrow, Chief of EMS and Shane Krull, County Administrator, to work out a groundbreaking ceremony at the Hillsdale facility and collaborate with our new contractor. Also to write to the public, and anyone else who needs to be there, so we can share with the public that we are fulfilling our obligations.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated I am echoing Mr. Burrow's comments it is not an easy decision to take on a building project. It has been several years in the making and it will be a good addition.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated he appreciates the former and present commissioners for finding ways to pay for things as we do these projects and not getting into debt which does not increase the cost for the taxpayers.

Commissioner Roberts stated tomorrow morning on the Court House steps is City and County Government picture day at 8:30am. There could be more than two commissioners present.

Commissioner Pretz stated appreciation to the clerk, all the election workers, everyone who got out to vote, and the taxpayers that get it done. Also, the Canvass of the Votes is Monday 8/19/2024 at 9:00 am in the Miami County clerk's office and there could be more than two commissioners there.

Chairman Vaughan stated I think it is an exciting day for us with the EMS building. It is cool to see a project and idea from beginning to the end and we have had two projects this year with the Bucyrus sewer and the Hillsdale EMS. I appreciate the support of the commission and the descending views. If we agreed on everything, we would not be doing our job.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk