

**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 28, 2024. Those present were:

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

News: Brian McCauley, Miami County Republic, Marlee Bell, Miami County Republic

Visitors: Jeff Oliver, Renee Slinkard, Andy Christenson

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renee Slinkard, Daughters of American Revolution, stated she is here to promote awareness of the Constitution. Ms. Slinkard asked the commissioners to sign a Proclamation for Constitution week. Ms. Slinkard gave information about her patriots.

Chairman Vaughan stated the Daughters of American Revolution sponsored an exhibit at the Ottawa Train Depot Museum that was very informative.

Commissioner Pretz moved to accept and approve the Proclamation Constitution week September 17-23, 2024 and have the Chairman sign, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on August 21, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Removal of Action Item 1- Project Authorization to solicit for design services on project 21-09-ST (684) bridge I-41.1 replacement.

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation - Constitution Week September 17 - 23, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

Angie Eads, Director of Community Corrections, requested the Chairman to sign KDOC-Adult Services Amendment for 2024 4th Quarter Budget. Ms. Eads stated "we had a total amendment of \$11,028.94. Since that is over \$5,000.00 KDOC requires that the commission to sign off and approve it. The main line-item adjustment was for a new vehicle that we purchased." The adjustment was for a new vehicle we purchased, some trainings, and travel to trainings.

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A24-08-039)

Angie Eads, Director of Community Corrections, requested the Chairman to sign KDOC- Juvenile Services Amendment for 2024 4th Quarter Budget. Ms. Eads stated the total amendment was \$9874.58. The bulk of the adjustment was for the other half of the vehicle. The cost was split between the adult and juvenile budgets, and cell phones.

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

unanimous. (A24-08-040)

Angie Eads, Director of Community Corrections, requested the Commissioners to consider a Bid Solicitation Approval: 2024-014-RFB 06JDCC New Mid-Size Sedan Vehicle Purchase. Ms. Eads stated the cost of the new vehicle is part of the 2025 budget and is being split between the adult services and the juvenile services. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Roberts stated, "Miami County has had in place a quarter cent sales tax authorized by the citizens of Miami County for each of the five-year periods for the last 25 years." The one in place now sunsets December 31, 2025. Mr. Roberts asked the Commission to consider placing this continuation of the one-quarter percent sales tax on the November 2024 ballot. The continuation of the quarter cent sales tax affords Miami County and its cities to do road and bridge improvements across our county. The County has generated around \$24,000,000 in sales tax and received awards up to \$23,000,000 in additional money. We are at \$50,000,000 from the sales tax and grant funding through federal or state highway department grants that we have used for roadway construction and improvements. Any new bridge you go across in Miami County is paid for in its entirety. These opportunities are only due to the county having the revenue that can match the grant requirements.

Commissioner Vickrey stated this is not a new tax, it is a continuation of an investment in our county. Around the county, the new bridges, the Metcalf project, all the improvements that have been done are due to the sales tax.

Commissioner Roberts stated the county was able to pay their share of the K68 expansion project using some of the sales tax money.

Commissioner Vaughan stated the ability to get matching funds from other grants is huge and if we don't have the funds to get matching grants, we cannot do the projects. Mr. Vaughan stated we had some cities come and support the sales tax during the study session. Also, the commission committed to do some evening meetings leading up to this for some Q&A, to explain further, and how important it is for the county to continue to do the infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous (R24-08-021)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated on June 12, 2024, the fence viewing committee went to the DeVault and at the time Wilda Jo Smith Trust. Mr. Krull stated the resolution incorporates the findings of the fence viewers report and the recommendation of the County Commission. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the stated resolution adopting the report and recommendation of the fence viewers, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous (R24-08-020)

Sitting as Miami County Fire District 1

Chairman Vaughan stated Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, was not able to be here, but we got a good summary of the items and the costs associated, which is what we needed clarification on. The cost is \$26,730.00 for the items listed.

Commissioner Roberts stated the extrication equipment is being placed on the used truck that was recently purchased. The fire truck is being used in the Osawatomie rural section of Miami County fire department. The equipment is used for both city and county purposes. Mr. Roberts wanted to clarify the equipment is going on the county equipment.

Commissioner Vickrey asked Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, were we able to find a truck at a lower cost so this is not overspending our budget?

Mr. Mellinger responded the equipment, and the used truck, came in under the budgeted amount in the

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capital budget.

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

Closed sitting as Miami County Fire District 1

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts asked for the commission support to get from the County Administrator a time frame with him working with the Planning and Zoning Director for this commission to complete its responsibility for a comp plan that has been in the works for four years. Commissioner Roberts stated he would like to be a part of it, and asked for the commission to get a list from the County Administrator of what needs to be accomplished and when it needs to be done so we can execute our obligations before the end of the year.

Commissioner Pretz wished Happy Birthday to Janet White. Thank you for being here every day.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk