

**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 October 23, 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	

Absent: Tyler Vaughan

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

Visitors: Bret Glendening, Nick Hampson, Paul Scruggs, Chuck Manganiello

CALL TO ORDER

George Pretz, Pro-Term called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Manganiello, 27345 Woodland Rd., stated for the projects planned from the quarter cent sales tax being voted in has the Commission thought about putting a traffic light in instead of a roundabout on 223rd and Metcalf Rd. Commissioner Pretz stated nothing is set in stone, there will be an improvement to the intersection.

Mr. Manganiello stated the intersection of 327th and Old Kansas City Road he would like more of study there. Commissioner Pretz stated if the quarter cent sales tax passes there will be a study done. Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated "all the projects are centered on the aspect on improving safety."

Mr. Manganiello stated the next question has to do with Woodland Road. Years ago, "this body passed a resolution that they were going to chip and seal the road. Then we got to the point that we decided were going to tar roads instead of chip and seal roads, and my road wasn't done yet. Most of the roads that were promised to be done were and there was no grandfathering to figure out what they were going to do." "The Commission said they would dust control the road until a permanent solution was done." Mr. Manganiello asked the Commission to reconsider at least dust controlling the road. Commissioner Pretz stated The Resolution passed was a Conditional Use permit (CUP), and this spring Mr. Manganiello could purchase dust control in front of his house. Mr. Manganiello stated he should not have to pay out of pocket for something that was already promised, and the Commission should reinstate what was promised.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on October 16, 2024.
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

PRESENTATION: Quarter cent sales tax allocation for the 6th Street Project to the City of Osawatomie.

Commissioner Diediker stated Osawatomie spent their quarter cent sales tax proceeds in good fashion and congratulations to Osawatomie for their two projects and progressing on getting them done.

Commissioner Vickrey stated Louisburg is thankful for the Metcalf 2.0 project. Businesses have updated their buildings, and it is a refresh of our town. The \$500,000 was used to move utilities that saved property tax from going up.

Commissioner Roberts stated it is great that the county and city work together on the sales tax propositions and identify road and bridges that need improvement. This presentation fulfills the counties commitment to the city of Osawatomie. Each of the four cities receive \$500, 000 for projects the cities deem important.

Commissioner Diediker stated the allocation of the quarter cent sales tax has been put to good use.

Nick Hampson, Mayor of Osawatomie, stated thank you to commissioners and the county. When we work together, we can make improvements on both ends. The half a million dollars goes a long way in our project.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Commissioner Rob Roberts as the voting delegate and Chairman Tyler Vaughan as the alternate for the annual Kansas Association of Counties Business Meeting. Commissioner Vickrey moved to as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated this week is Employee Appreciation Week. Mr. Krull stated he appreciates the contributions made. We had the luncheon today for years of service, and would like to acknowledge Rodney Brown, Mark Hays, and Sandra Reicheneker from the Road and Bridge department for 30 years of service. Mr. Krull stated appreciation to all employees.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Diediker stated he missed the quarter cent sales tax presentation and apologized. He reviewed the footage and comments. Commissioner Diediker stated he approves all proposed projects. Commissioner Diediker stated we may have to raise the sales tax to half a cent in the future to keep up with the costs.

Commissioner Vickrey stated how important it is to keep our property tax from going up. Commissioner Vickrey stated it is vital that we keep the sales tax revenue along with grant money, and money from other sources combined for improvements needed.

Commissioner Roberts stated it was an honor to represent the Commission at Taylor Forge open house on Saturday. It is important to have businesses like Taylor Forge in the community. Commissioner Roberts stated they have been around for about 110 years, employing 130 people, and the type of products they make is one of a kind. Commissioner Roberts stated he believes Taylor Forge said there are 3 businesses like theirs in the world. Commissioner Roberts stated Taylor Forge is one of the three business.

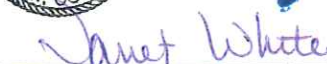
Commissioner Pretz stated there are two events coming up. Commissioner Pretz stated for our Employee Appreciation week is walking tacos on 10/25 from 11-1 in the Sheriff's Community Room. City County meeting at Spring Hill is October 19th at 10am at the Civic Center located at 401 North Madison. Commissioner Pretz also stated, "as always thanking all the taxpayers of Miami County." Commissioner Pretz asked the County Clerk how early voting is going? Janet White, County Clerk, stated Janet White, County Clerk, stated early voting is going well. With the ballots that have been mailed out and received back plus the ballots returned in house, we have received over 3259 ballots back at this point. We are open for early voting Thursday night until 6:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am-12:00 pm (noon). Next week we are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Next Tuesday we will be open till 6:00 p.m. and Saturday we are open from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm (noon).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.



ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk


Tyler Vaughan, Chairman