

**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 November 6, 2024. Those present were:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on October 30, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Letter of support for Elizabeth Layton Center, Inc.

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the Bureau of Justice Assistance COPS Hiring Grant. Matt Kelly, Undersheriff, stated we asked the Commission in a study session to accept a grant that was awarded from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Police Services for \$375,000.00. The grant is to be used to hire Deputies for patrol through 9-30-2029 that started in October 2024. Mr. Kelly stated we have one year to fill the 3 positions, then the next 3 years it is our responsibility to get reimbursement from the grant. The grant money is about \$45,000.00 per year per employee. Commissioner Diediker asked how they arrived at 3. Mr. Kelly stated we submitted for 4 but was approved for 3 positions. Chairman Vaughan asked if the grant is restricted for deputies only or can the grant be used for other employees up to the pay of a Deputy? Mr. Kelly stated the grant is to be used only for Deputies.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Janet White, County Clerk, stated we are still in the process of doing the election. The audit is tomorrow 11/7, the write in board is Friday 11/8, and the canvass is on 11/18. Ms. White stated we had about a 40% advance voter turnout and about a 30% voter turnout at the polls. Ms. White stated everything went well election night, the only issue we had was with the 79 ballots we had to hand count and get balanced.

Mr. Kelly stated "I was present the entire time last night watching the clerks and what they did and thought they did a phenomenal job. They were very professional in what they did, very detailed and thorough in what they did. It's been impressive." "Kudos to Janet and her crew for everything they do."

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated thank you to the taxpayers for renewing the sales tax. Commissioner Vickrey stated he is thankful for the election process, it went well. "Elections are a good thing; it keeps your feet on the ground and keeps you in touch with your constituents."

Commissioner Diediker stated thank you voters for passing the Quarter Cent Sales Tax, we have some fairly good projects planned with Road and Bridge and thankful we can continue with those.

Commissioner Pretz stated thanks again to the taxpayers for passing the Quarter Cent Sales Tax. Commissioner Pretz stated there are 3 meetings coming up there could be 2 or more Commissioners there. The first is a Special Session of the Kansas Supreme Court at 6:30 pm on November 12, 2024, at the Louisburg High School, 202 Aquatic Drive, Louisburg, KS. The second is the Miami County Republican Party Reorganization on November 14, 2024, At Timber Creek Bar & Grill, 14 E. Amity Street, Louisburg at 6:30 pm. The third is the Canvass of the votes on November 18, 2024, in the Clerk's office at 9:00 am.

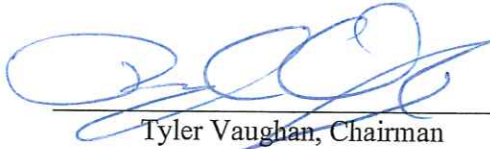
Chairman Vaughan stated, "I don't have anything to add just echo all the comments to Janet, County Clerk for your team, and your hard work and dedication over the many years serving as a clerk, thank you."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

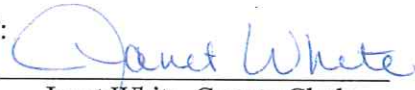
Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Land Acquisition Exception Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege Exception for 20 minutes beginning at 1:10 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, County Counselor, and Miami County's Planning Director. Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk