

**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 30, 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	

Visitors: Chuck Manganiello, Alex Pond

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Manganiello, 27345 Woodland Road, stated he wanted to follow up with the conversation from last week about chip and seal or dust control on Woodland Road. Mr. Manganiello stated he forgot to ask the Commission when he would hear back from them. Mr. Manganiello stated Block Road just east of Woodland Road has been done and is not utilized the way the Commission thinks it is used. The county trucks are using Woodland Road, not Block Road to go to the quarry. Mr. Manganiello stated that after talking with some of his neighbors on Block Road they use Woodland Road too. Chairman Vaughan stated we have "talked a ton on this for the past 5 or 6 years and you know kinda where I stand on any future chip and seal and how that looks and it's unfortunate how that panned out, I sympathize with you and your neighbors, on its allocated a long time, as a Commission, as a target road to do that, we haven't lived that out." Commissioner Roberts stated a question we should ask is "when 68 Highway expands to 4 lane, I do not know the answer to this, but my suspicion is Woodland Road is gonna be gone, access to 69 Highway, I don't know this." Mr. Manganiello stated, "according to what, this is the information I got from JR when he was still Director, he sent me the plans that the state had, and not only will it have a left-hand turn lane it has now, it will have a right, no it's not going away." Commissioner Roberts stated we went to a hearing about a month ago and asked Eric Sandberg, Director of Road and Bridge, to look into what the state plans to do with Woodland Road. Shane Krull, County Administrator stated, "the roads that they paved were roads that were created, the existing roads were not, other than a nominal distance off the roadway itself." Commissioner Diediker asked Mr. Manganiello if he has talked to his neighbors and see if they want to help dust control the road. Mr. Manganiello stated they do not want to pay for it. Chairman Vaughan stated, "the 35,000 residents of Miami County don't want to pay for it either, and that's the problem that we had." Mr. Manganiello stated talking with Mr. Sandberg he got the impression that if it is going to cost too much to repair the chip and seal roads, they will be turning them back to gravel. Commissioner Diediker stated "most of that is probably be determined in the future by traffic counts cause we can't just justify a road that gets 50 cars put on it we're gonna black top that and then these other ones. So, before we, at least in my opinion, you said the governing body before agreed to something, well, that's different than this one. I came on and run for Commissioner to put a little bit of a bug in their ear and we can't be blacktopping all these roads because we can't afford it." Mr. Krull stated I know you heard what you heard; I won't say otherwise." "It was in the auspices of when the County Commission had opted to do the 10 miles a year with 2 miles in each district. At that time frame Ron Stiles was the Commissioner of your district and the criteria, I think it varied from so many houses per mile." "It was picked as one of the roads, like 2 or 3 years down the road." "Fast forward a bit, new Commission took over coupled with difficulties in the affordability of the program, so then they cease doing it and then fast forward a bit more from that with the affordability there that cease doing the dust control." Mr. Krull "apologized that what you heard, and the reality of the situation never aligned. I won't deny that what you heard."

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on October 23, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Approve letters of Support for:
 - Community Senior Service Center, Inc.
 - Osawatomie Senior Center.
- GOE Agreement:24028-LS Investments Primarily, LLC (A24-10-048)

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Employee Recognition- Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated Jim Starling, Building & Grounds Director, is being acknowledge for director of the quarter for Miami County and his first 5 years of his tenure. Mr. Starling has made several changes that has saved money and increased the efficiency and safety of our buildings. The important aspect is his positivity and his willingness to help. Mr. Starling has come in on days off to take care of matters and has put protocols in place to be efficient in his absent. Mr. Krull stated he appreciates Mr. Starling's involvement with us. Commissioner Vaughan added Mr. Starling has a good sense of humor and his expertise in efficiencies and protocols has saved Miami County money. Chairman Vaughan stated we are glad to have you on board and he appreciates Mr. Starling's service. Makenzie Kelly, Health Department Assistant Health Director, stated Jim was nominated by Susan Bales, Health Department.

Makenzie Kelly, Health Department Assistant Director, stated K.D. Pond, Health Department Laboratory Supervisor, was nominated for Employee of the Month by Susan Bales. Chairman Vaughan stated "I will add one thing for K.D., I actually work with her professionally too with some clients that she organizes health events for us, and she does a great job out there in the community and highlighting what Miami County Health Department can do for our businesses as well, so thank you K.D."

Holly Ray, Human Resources Director, stated "we need more nominations, thank you to Susan for taking the time to do these two nominations." You can get the nomination on our website from our employee portal.

NEW BUSINESS

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans Resolution. Commissioner Roberts stated this is a new initiative to recognize our veterans across Kansas, light up your public buildings in green in recognition to our veterans. Commissioner Vickrey stated, "we can't do too much to support our veterans, we wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for what they did." Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the support for Operation Green Light for Veterans, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-10-027)

Consider Posting a Maximum Speed Limit of 35 mph on Somerset between 381st and 407th. Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, stated this is a gravel road with some curves on the stretch of Somerset. There have been some accidents over the past few years. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-10-028)

Access and Utility Easement Agreement between Miami County and Aircraft Refinishing Co. in response to Rezoning Application 24002-Z. Kenneth Cook, Planning Director stated "we had the rezoning request for Aircraft refinishing Corporation. They are looking at selling the property, but as part of that they were trying to clear up some issues. One of those is when the county acquired the front part of that property for the airport it sort of land locked the main part of the property that they continued to own. The new owners I think have a desire to build a house on that property and are requesting to get an easement across the portion of property that the county owns. The document in front of you provides them sort of that access easement. I

went ahead and threw in some information on utility easement cause they are going to need utilities back to that property.” Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A24-10-047)

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, asked the Commission if all five of them would be here next week for an executive session.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated It is important that the Quarter Cent Sales Tax for Road and Bridge improvements gets renewed to save our property tax.

Commissioner Roberts stated compliments to the County Clerk and the election staff on a great job and their efforts. They have had 7288 voters as of last night. It is wonderful to see people come out and vote. Commissioner Roberts encourages people to vote between now and next Tuesday and make their vote count.

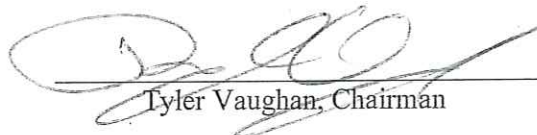
Commissioner Pretz stated, “Get out and vote, thanks again to the taxpayers of Miami County.”

Chairman Vaughan stated he “attended the Spring Hill City Council Meeting last week and had overwhelming support from all members of the City Council and Mayor on the support on Quarter Cent Sale Tax.” Chairman Vaughan stated he “appreciated the opportunity to speak at their meeting.”

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk