

**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 13, 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: Jeff Oliver

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vaughan called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on November 6, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Add-On: KDOT Section 5310- State Operating Assistance support letter for Tri-Ko
- Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation - Election Worker Appreciation. Chairman Vaughan stated it is important to acknowledge the election workers. Commissioner Roberts stated election workers are the key element for the election process. Commissioner Roberts stated the Miami County Clerk and staff recruits 100 plus citizens throughout the year to work the elections. Commissioner Roberts stated the Commission has declared December 3, 2024, Election Worker Appreciation Day. Commissioner Roberts asked the County Clerk to deliver the Proclamation to her election volunteers at the election workers appreciation dinner. Commissioner Pretz stated after talking with the citizens about the General Election they were happy with the process at the polls and early voting. Commissioner Pretz congratulated the County Clerk, her staff, and volunteers. Chairman Vaughan stated 3 of the commissioners will be at a conference and will not be able to attend the dinner and asked Commissioner Vickrey and Commissioner Diediker to extend the Commission's gratitude at the dinner.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as stated, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Removal of VHF radio equipment from Rural Water District 2 Tower. Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated Water District #2 is doing renovations to their tower at West 271st and Woodland. Mr. Whelan stated the water district has asked Miami County to remove all the sirens and radio equipment by the end of the year. Mr. Whelan stated VHF is the only frequency in use for the tornado sirens county wide. Mr. Whelan stated the plan is to move the Tornado sirens and equipment to the water tank in Paola located at 303rd and Hedge Lane. Mr. Whelan stated they requested quotes from 3 vendors, whereas 2 vendors responded. Mr. Whelan stated the bid from Ka-Comm., Inc price was \$21,148.69 to remove all the equipment from the water tower and the old equipment from the shelter and installing the old 100-watt VHF transmitter and antenna with new cabling at the Paola water tank. Ka-Comm's price does not include a new transmitter. Mr. Whelan stated the plan is to use the existing transmitter that is working to save money. A new transmitter comes in at around \$5,000.00 if needed. Mr. Whelan stated the quote from Commenco was \$45,521.16 and included a new 100-watt VHF transmitter at the Paola Water Tank. Mr. Whelan stated the plan is to auction off the old equipment that comes off the water tower with the Commission's approval.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the quote from Ka-Comm., Inc. for \$21,148.69. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

MDT Licenses

Sitting as Miami County Fire District 1

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated the Commissioner's approved the purchase of a new computer aided dispatch system for our 911 dispatchers. The package includes records management and general management systems. Mark Whelan stated the system is scheduled to go live in May of 2025. Mark Whelan stated the Fire District 1 is requesting permission to purchase the mobile data terminal licenses from Central Square who is the CAD vender. Mark Whelan stated, "the licenses will allow us to install computers and the associated equipment and the fire apparatus." Mark Whelan stated 11 licenses is being requested for the engines, and tenders owned by Fire District 1 plus the rescue truck out of Osawatomie, and the Chief's truck that is owned by Fire District 1. Mark Whelan stated the total cost is \$10,324.66 with a 25% discount on the service charge of about \$1,600.00 if the purchase is completed by the first of the year. The first year's maintenance of the licenses is also included. Commissioner Roberts asked if these opportunities were offered to the other City Fire Departments? Mr. Whelan stated the City Fire Departments are aware of it and I am working with Chief Martin of Paola to get a quote for the city owned apparatus. Mark Whelan stated the City of Osawatomie and Louisburg should be proceeding forward to get quotes for their city owned apparatuses. Mark Whelan stated the MDT licenses that the law enforcement agencies the county dispatches for was part of the original CAD contract and anticipate back billing the cities for their licenses. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Whelan if this will be paid for out of the reserve fire department fund? Mr. Whelan stated, "if we can pay for it out of the existing line-item budget for each department budget this year we'll do that, if we need to take a little money out of the Capital Fund, we can pay the rest of it off with that." Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Whelan will they be getting bids for the hardware after the first of the year? Mr. Whelan stated that is correct.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A24-11-048)

Closed sitting as Miami County Fire District 1

215 South Street Fence Viewing - Consider accepting the formal recommendation of Fisher Patterson Sayler & Smith regarding the fence viewing between property owners Raymond and Roberts.

Commissioner Pretz moved to table the fence viewing for 2 weeks, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. --Tabled for 2 weeks

APPLICATIONS

Resolution canceling the County Commission Meeting of December 4, 2024

Commissioner Vickrey moved to adopt resolution R24-11-029 canceling the Commission Meeting on December 4, 2024, due to not having a quorum, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-11-029)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts asked Shane Krull, County Administrator, to have someone look at the approach to the Hedge Lane Bridge, it is settling, and trucks are hitting it? Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Krull for a status update on the sewer line being extended from Bucyrus to Spring Hill? Mr. Krull stated, "we are in the easement acquisition process and will likely be going to condemnation and that will delay things a bit." Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Krull what size line is being installed? Shane Krull stated 12 inches. Commissioner Roberts stated he wanted to make sure the County will not be responsible for upgrades to the pumps, and basins other than what is expected for the City of Bucyrus. Mr. Krull stated that is correct and the condemnation process could take 6-8 months.

Commissioner Pretz stated Happy Birthday to Commissioner Roberts.

Commissioner Pretz stated the Canvass is at 9:00 am on Monday November 18, 2024

Commissioner Pretz stated he and Chairman Vaughan spent the noon hour at the John Brown Cabin in the park, and at the luncheon. Commissioner Pretz stated, "there was around 25 people there, all the representatives of Sharice Davids, U.S. Representative, Senator Marshall, Senator Moran, and their representatives."

Chairman Vaughan stated, "it's not very often you get all 3 Congressional Representatives in the same room, along with the National Park, along with Kansas State Historical, and a lot of local representation, so I thought that was pretty dynamic and kudos to the Osawatimie crew for putting that together with the help of Janet McRae, Miami County Economic Development Director, too and the Economic Development Department."

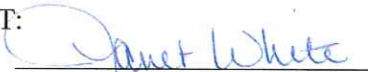
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk