

**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 December 18, 2024. Those present were:

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| 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:** Shane Krull

**Visitors:** Larry Bigelow, Larry Moore, David Green, Shay Hanysak

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Green, Paola, KS, stated he was here a few months ago about an apron coming off Old KC Road on to Valley View Dr. and had not heard anything. Mr. Green stated he was here to ask what the status was, if he could get any information? Chairman Vaughan stated Shane Krull, County Administrator is not here and would probably have an update then asked Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, if he had an update? Mr. Sandberg stated it was not in the budget for this year and asphalt season is over for the year. Mr. Sandberg stated we can see about getting it on the schedule for next year. Chairman Vaughan stated when Mr. Krull gets back in the office, he is out next week, we can ask him and give you an update.

Mr. Green stated, I came last week and waited for about 15 minutes, the website said there was a meeting last week and your website also shows you have a meeting on December 25, 2024, which I don't believe you do. Commissioner Roberts stated there is a Resolution today to update that.

Larry Bigelow, Topeka, KS, and Larry Moore, Lawrence, KS and Dallas, TX, stated we are here at the request of Senator Larry Alley from Winfield. Mr. Bigelow stated Senator Alley, after presenting the plan to him, said he wanted this plan in front of every County and Municipality. Mr. Bigelow stated they exposed Big Pharma to the state a few years ago. Mr. Bigelow presented information on the Champ Plan and gave handouts to the Commissioners. Mr. Bigelow stated they would like to do a Zoom presentation and asked how they would proceed? Chairman Vaughan stated we work with a broker that handles all of our insurance. Commissioner Roberts stated we need time to look over the material and if the Commission should proceed, we would set up a time to have you back with a formal presentation. Mr. Roberts stated this time frame is used for public comment. Sara Denny, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, stated the Human Resources Department spoke with Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Moore a couple of weeks ago. Ms. Denny stated they have done some vetting of their own and got with our broker at Lockton. Ms. Denny stated our broker said unless we have major participation it does not really save money.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on December 11, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On - Tax roll Corrections.

Add Action Item #7- Local Environmental Protection Program: LEPP

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing for the Lake Regional Solid Waste Management Plan**



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**(LRSWA) at 1:15 p.m.**

Shay Hanysak, Regional Coordinator for Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority (LRSWA), stated our region had 6 counties and after we did our 5-year update earlier this year we grew to include Shawnee County. Ms. Hanysak stated LRSWA is required to hold a public hearing and update our Solid Waste Management Plan to include them. Ms. Hanysak stated there is no change for Miami County. Commissioner Pretz asked Ms. Hanysak how this will affect the organization financially? Ms. Hanysak stated there is no financial commitment, we have to write a new plan. Commissioner Roberts asked each county pays dues? Ms. Hanysak stated yes, each county pays the same dues regardless of size. Commissioner Roberts asked if each county has 1 or 2 members? Ms. Hanysak stated each county has 2 members and an alternate. Commissioner Roberts asked if the County Commissioners appoint the members? Ms. Hanysak stated yes.

**Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 1:20 p.m.**

Resolution - Consider adopting the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve adopting the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-12-036)

**Sitting as Miami County Fire District 1 View new E61 and R41 equipment**

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated we placed a former Johnson County Fire District 2 engine in service at the Louisburg station Engine 61 (E61). Mr. Whelan stated all the equipment and stickers are on it and outside for the Commission to look at. Mr. Whelan stated the Osawatomie Heavy Rescue Unit (R41), with the new airbags and stabilization struts that were put on it is also outside. Chairman Vaughan stated we will view the new trucks after the meeting.

**Closed sitting as Miami County Fire District 1**

Consider the approval of a resolution adopting the Miami County Position Classification & Pay Scale. Sara Denney, Assistant Human Resources Director, stated this resolution includes the 1.5% cost of living increase that the Commission approved for 2025 and the 1.5% merit increase the Commission approved for all regular full-time employees hired before July 1, 2024. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-12-037)

Consider the approval of a resolution amending the Miami County Organizational Chart. Commissioner Pretz moved to table until Monday, December 23, 2024, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-12-038)- **-TABLED until Monday, December 23, 2024**

Consider the approval of a resolution amending the Miami County Personnel Rules & Regulations. Sara Denney, Assistant Human Resources Director, stated the changes in the Personnel Rules and Regulations is: removing the mention of compensatory time throughout the rules and regs, update to the non-discrimination harassment policy, the addition of a confidential information and confidentiality policy, updates to the resignation and last paycheck section, the update to the time keeping changing from 15 minutes paid time increments to 5 minute, updating the leave policies to reflect the time keeping change, and adding an administrative leave policy. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous (R24-12-039)

Local Environmental Protection Program: LEPP- Jason Leadbetter, Code Services Director stated we have an opportunity to get a grant for failing wastewater systems. Mr. Leadbetter stated the grant is around \$50,000.00. Mr. Leadbetter stated we currently have a violation of a failing wastewater system on a low-income house, this grant could help the citizen out. Mr. Leadbetter stated LEPP needs the Commission's approval to pursue this grant. Commissioner Vickrey asked we should look at this grant every year then? Mr. Leadbetter stated it is in my calendar because they do this every year. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve pursuing the LEPP Grant, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Roberts stated he misquoted earlier, the resolutions to cancel and move the meetings was signed last week. Commissioner Roberts requested the website be updated to reflect the change of the meetings and times. Commissioner Roberts stated the meeting next week is Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am and the following week's meeting is Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Commissioner Roberts stated there will not be study sessions.

Commissioner Robert stated Mr. Green's request is a fair one, there were street entry ways that were paved as part of the Old KC Road project that was not planned but done. Commissioner Roberts stated he had asked Mr. Sandberg to get a cost to the Commission and the Commission could consider paving the entry way on Valley View Drive onto Old KC Road for the 2025 asphalt budget.

Commissioner Diediker stated he would like to reappoint John Menefee to the Planning Commission. Chairman Vaughan stated he appreciated Mr. Menefee's continued participation on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Diediker moved to reappoint John Menefee to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pretz stated we plan to host the City /County meeting January 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers here in Miami County. Commissioner Pretz stated the host city will invite their local school to come and give us an update on what is going on in their School District.

Commissioner Pretz stated he would like to thank the taxpayers of Miami County.

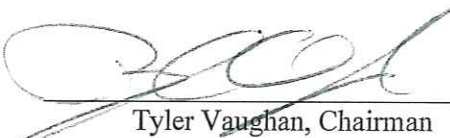
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Vickrey moved to have a Personnel Exception Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes beginning at 1:35 p.m. to include the Commissioners and Finance Director Lucas Mellinger. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



  
Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Janet White, County Clerk