

**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 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: Shane Krull

Visitors: Camryn Vaughan, Edwin Vaughan

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vaughan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on December 18, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider the approval of a resolution amending the Miami County Organizational Chart. Sara Denney, Assistant Human Resources Director stated the changes in the administration general fund are reclassification of the Assistant Finance Director from grade 9 to grade 10, the addition of the Assistant County Administrator position grade 16 replacing the Finance Director. Ms. Denney stated the changes in the General Fund are: Building and Grounds the reclassification of the Building and Grounds Director from grade 10 to grade 11, County Attorney the elimination of an Assistant County Attorney position grade 12 and the addition of an Operation Support Assistant grade 4, County Clerks Department the reclassification of the Elections Support Specialist from grade 7 to grade 8, Health Department the reclassification of Lab Technician from grade 4 to LPN grade 6, once they get their LPN, reclassification of Lab Supervisor grade 9 to Health Operations Supervisor grade 10, GIS/ Mapping Department reclassification of GIS/ Mapping Director from grade 10 to grade 11, Sheriff's Department the addition of one full-time School Resource Officer (SRO)/ Deputy Sheriff position, for the jail the addition of 1 full-time Deputy Jailer position, EMS reclassification of 1 full-time EMT position to Paramedic, Economic Development elimination of 1 full-time Operation Support Specialist position, and Road and Bridge reclassification of 1 Operation Support Assistant position to Operation Support Specialist grade 5. Commissioner Vickrey stated he appreciated the County Attorney for finding a way to be more efficient and to save the County \$38,000.00. Chairman Vaughan asked if that was the only change that was not in the budget? Ms. Denney stated correct. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R24-12-040)

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a resolution Hillsdale Grant of Easements for EMS Facility. Chairman Vaughan stated this is a Utility Easement for the EMS station. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A24-12-063)

Construction Change Orders for Phase 2 Culvert Replacements project #24-03-SB (698). Mathew Oehlert

Engineering Project Manager stated there are 6-line-item changes with the 2 change orders. Mr. Oehlert stated culvert 1064 is located on Pleasant Valley Road, culvert 1836 is located on 347th Street and culvert 2169 is located on 367th street. Mr. Oehlert stated the change order #1 is for linear grading on all 3 culverts changing it from 4:1 to 10:1 behind the guard rail slopes and the addition of concrete for seal course added to the contract for each culvert. Mr. Oehlert stated the change order #1 is an increase of \$17,255.00. The change order #2 is an increase of \$2,250 for revised quantities of concrete seal course used at each of the culverts. Mr. Oehlert stated the original contract price is \$440,851.00 and the new contract price with the increases is \$460,356.00 for a difference of \$19,505.00. Commissioner Pretz asked if the changes have already been done and there will not be any more change orders? Mr. Oehlert stated yes and no more change orders. Mr. Oehlert stated the cost will come out of the Special Bridge Fund which has over \$800,000.00. Chairman Vaughan asked if this takes care of everything and there will not be additional problems? Mr. Oehlert stated this ends the project. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Approve purchase of 2 half-ton, 4x4, extended cab trucks. Griffin Middendorf, Assistant Road and Bridge Director stated 2 bids came in, one from Cable Dahmer for a total of \$89,400.00 and the other from One Nation for a total of \$98,138.00. Mr. Middendorf asked the Commission to approve the bid from Cable Dahmer. Chairman Vaughan asked if we had any local bidders? Mr. Middendorf stated no, it went to them but unfortunately, we did not get any back. Commissioner Roberts asked we know for sure the local bidders received the opportunity to bid? Mr. Middendorf stated, "I believe so, I don't have an affirmative answer, but I was told they did." Commissioner Roberts asked when will Cable Dahmer deliver the trucks? Mr. Middendorf stated 2 weeks. Chairman Vaughan asked what the trucks are replacing? Mr. Middendorf stated they are replacing 2 supervisor vehicles, both have over 200,000 miles, and will go on purple wave. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Approve purchase of 2 one-ton, 4x4, regular cab trucks. Griffin Middendorf, Assistant Road and Bridge Director, asked the commission to approve the purchase of 2 one-ton pick up trucks from Cable Dahmer for the cost of \$100,000.00. Mr. Middendorf stated the trucks will be replacing a single axled dump truck. Commissioner Roberts asked if we had snowplows for the trucks? Mr. Middendorf stated, no we will have to outfit the trucks with spreaders and plows. Mr. Middendorf stated after the purchase of all 4 of the trucks we have \$25,600.00 remaining on the line item to outfit these 2 vehicles. Chairman Vaughan asked if that would be enough. Mr. Middendorf stated with the rough estimates it should take up all the remaining funds for putting flat beds on them, 2 standards and 2 plows. Commissioner Vickrey asked if we are going to sell the dump truck? Mr. Middendorf stated yes it will go on purple wave. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated there was a residential house fire Saturday Night. Mr. Whelan stated the 911 call came in from the resident saying there was an issue with her wood burning stove with the odor of plastic and smoke. Mr. Whelan stated units from Paola, Osawatomie, Louisburg and Wellsville Fire Department were dispatched to the scene. 2 volunteer fire fighters arrived at 11:43 pm reporting smoke showing. Mr. Whelan stated the fire appeared to be contained to the attic and the scene was cleared at 1:46 am. Mr. Whelan stated the cause of the fire is unknown at the time and the American Red Cross is helping the family.

Miami County 2024 Year End Financial Update. Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director talked about transfers that need to be set for the Monday, December 30, 2024, Board of County Commissioners meeting. Mr. Mellinger stated we will have Amended Budget of Corrections for the December 30, 2024, meeting as well.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Perez stated we are gearing up for the City/ County meeting on January 29, 2025, around 8:30-9:00 am.

Commissioner Pretz stated thank you to the taxpayers of Miami County.

Commissioner Vickrey stated Merry Christmas, and to be mindful of people that have a tough time at Christmas.

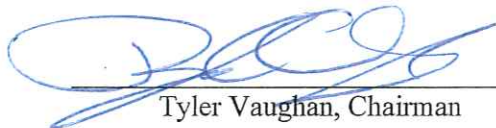
Commissioner Roberts stated 16 years ago it was difficult to find space on he appointed Boards to appoint someone. Commissioner Roberts moved to remove Mark Raney from the Planning Commission to create an opening for the new Commissioner coming in to appoint someone he chooses. Commissioner Roberts stated, "this will give the new Commissioner the opportunity, with your help, to find an individual whom he believes is best suited to represent his wants and wishes, but also follows the rules and regulations that Miami County has in place currently." Commissioner Roberts moved to remove Mark Raney from the Planning Commission creating the vacancy, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan stated, he echoed Commissioner Vickrey's comment and to enjoy your family and appreciate the holidays and time off.

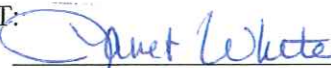
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.




Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk