

**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 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	

Absent: Rob Roberts

Visitors: Brett Waggoner, Jessica Newton, Randi Shannon, Vicki Belt

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 23, 2024
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add On- tax Roll Corrections

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept the CDBG time extension request. Brett Waggoner, Government Assistant Services, stated we are responsible for the grants for the Bucyrus Sewer Bid Project. Mr. Waggoner stated CDBG has two deadlines the first is a deadline that the project has to be bid and under contract a year upon receiving the grant, that date was May 31, 2025. Mr. Waggoner stated we asked and received an extension in May that expires January 1, 2025, Mr. Waggoner stated we are closer to being able to bid the project out. Mr. Waggoner stated I am here to ask you to approve an extension request to CDBG for 6 months until July 1, 2025. Mr. Waggoner stated another deadline is a 2-year project completion date. Mr. Waggoner stated that date is May 31, 2025, which we will extend in May. Chairman Vaughan asked Mr. Waggoner if he sees a problem getting the extension based on the circumstances? Mr. Waggoner stated no not typically, we have to show we are moving down the road, that the delay is out of our control. Mr. Waggoner stated CDBG does not want to punish the City or County for something that is out of their control. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the CDBG extension request for 6 months, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Year-End Financial Transactions, Approval of Encumbrance List, Approval of Budgeted & Non-Budgeted Transfers List. Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, stated we were paying \$3,030.00 per month for the Purple Guys IT across the street for the Court House. Mr. Mellinger stated their new cost is \$2,800.00 per month with Net Standard. Mr. Mellinger stated the District Attorney's managed IT is \$1,050.00 per month with Net Standard which is almost the same cost we pay now. Commissioner Pretz asked if they are both going to be on Net Standard? Mr. Mellinger stated they are both moving to Net Standard.

Mr. Mellinger stated I talked with Mr. Cook to see how much he could set aside for codification and that amount is about \$50,000.00. Commissioner Vickrey asked if Mr. Cook believes the \$50,000.00 will be enough to cover what the cost would be? Mr. Mellinger stated he believes that it will be for the solo regulations, the sign regulations, and the comp plan (depending on how in depth we go).

Mr. Mellinger stated any positive cash balance we have at the end of the year is being split 3 equal ways into

Radio, Court House, and Health Insurance Reserve. Mr. Mellinger stated the positive cash balance we are anticipating having is about \$250,000.00. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Vaughan opened the public hearing to Amend the 2024 Budget for Community Corrections Juvenile Rehabilitation (JUVR) at 10:10 a.m.

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, stated the reason we need to do this is Miami County is the host county for the Sixth Judicial District for Community Corrections. Mr. Mellinger stated Community Corrections received more grant money than anticipated and the money was spent. Mr. Mellinger stated Community Corrections year is July to June which is different than ours which is January to December. Mr. Mellinger stated the state requires us to budget for them, so we have to hold a public hearing. Commissioner Pretz asked if this has to be published? Mr. Mellinger stated yes, it was published the last 2 Wednesdays. Commissioner Pretz asked if Community Corrections pays for the publications? Mr. Mellinger stated yes, they do.

Chairman Vaughan closed the public hearing at 10:12 a.m.

Adopt the Amended 2024 Budget for Community Corrections JUVR. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve the amended budget for the Community Corrections, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Coordinator, stated there was a 911 call reporting a house fire at 12:24 p.m. on Christmas day. Mr. Whelan stated units from Osawatomie, Paola, and Louisburg stations as well as Miami County SO and EMS were dispatched. Deputy Chief Kerr with Osawatomie Fire Department (OFD) arrived at 12:29 p.m. reporting smoke present. Mr. Whelan stated the first OFD engine arrived at 12:28 p.m. Mr. Whelan stated crews made an aggressive attack on the fire located in the basement. Mr. Whelan stated the damages are estimated to be \$50,000.00 to the home and contents. Mr. Whelan stated the cause of the fire is officially undetermined but appears to be electrical in nature with one citizen transported to the hospital. Commissioner Pretz asked if the citizen injured was a homeowner or a helper? Mr. Whelan stated the injured citizen lived in the home. Mr. Whelan stated Everyg, and the American Red Cross also assisted.

Mr. Whelan stated volunteer fire fighters from Louisburg, Osawatomie and Paola responded to 5 incidents on Christmas day. As well as the house fires they responded to a flue fire, two fire alarms and an EMS assist.

Mr. Whelan stated there was a 911 call reporting a house fire on Friday, December 27th at 7:50 a.m. Mr. Whelan stated units were dispatched from Louisburg, Paola, and Overland Park along with units from Miami County Sheriff's Office (SO) and EMS. Mr. Whelan stated the first volunteer firefighter arrived at 7:59 a.m. reporting an active fire, with the first engine from Overland Park arriving at 8:08 a.m. and from Louisburg at 8:12 a.m. Mr. Whelan stated due to the size of the fire additional units were requested from Overland Park, Osawatomie, Johnson County Fire District #1, Western Cass Fire Protection District and Dolan-West Dolan Fire Protection District. Mr. Whelan stated no injuries were reported and most of the units left the scene around 12:30 p.m. with Louisburg Fire Department remaining on scene most of the day. Mr. Whelan stated support agencies included Kansas State Fire Marshals Office, Johnson County Sheriff's Office (SO), Johnson County Water One, Miami County Road and Bridge, Everyg, and McDonalds in Louisburg who provided food. Mr. Whelan stated the cause is under investigation and the preliminary damages are estimated to be 1.5-1.7 million. Chairman Vaughan stated he appreciated every one's work, especially on Christmas Day.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Retirement Celebration - Holly Ray comments. The Commissioners, Shane Krull, County Administrator, and others stated congratulations and best wishes on your retirement to Holly Ray. To listen to the full comments please see the recorded video on our county's website <https://miamicountyks.org/>.

Holly Ray, Human Resources Director, stated this has been my favorite HR job. Ms. Ray stated there is nobody like Miami County employees and Miami County taxpayers. Ms. Ray stated Miami County is a community and I leave you with this quote "practice more compassion, practice more forgiveness practice more understanding. Ms. Ray thanked her family for their support.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated he wanted to thank Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, and Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director for being prompt to take care of a constituent issue and I appreciate their work.

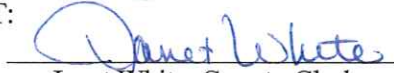
Commissioner Pretz stated it has been quite a year and it has been good overall. Commissioner Pretz stated I want to thank the employees for doing their job everyday and making it all work, we got a lot accomplished. Commissioner Pretz stated thank you to the taxpayers of Miami County and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.



ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk


Tyler Vaughan, Chairman