

**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 January 15, 2025. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
George Pretz, Pro-Tem	Laura Epp, County Clerk
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operations Support Specialist
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	Staci Wilson, Operations Support Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on January 8, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On: Bond & Oath for Treasurers of Marysville Township & Wea Township

Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Select Chairperson for the year 2025. Commissioner Diediker moved to appoint Commissioner Pretz as Chairperson; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Select Pro-Tem for the year 2025. Commissioner Vickrey moved to appoint Commissioner Vaughan as Pro-Tem; Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Appoint Bonnie Rob Roberts to the EKAN Board. Commissioner Vaughan moved to appoint Bonnie Rob Roberts to the EKAN Board; Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

APPLICATIONS

Laura Epp, County Clerk--The annual township and cemetery reports were placed in the Commissioner's folder. By dating the reports, acknowledgment of the Commissioner's review of these reports is requested.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, speaks about recent snowstorm/blizzard from 1/4/25 to 1/6/25 and a house fire on 1/10/25. Volunteer firefighters responded to multiple fires, a crash, and EMS incidents, all within Miami County Fire District #1 (MIFD#1) and the cities they serve. Firefighters responded to a total of 33 incidents from noon on Saturday, 1/4/2025, to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 1/6/2025. Linn Valley had one injury accident. Louisburg had four injury accidents and one fire call. Osawatomie had three fire calls and 13 EMS assists. Paola had four injury accidents, three fire calls, and four EMS assists. Volunteers staffed the stations during the storm. Firefighters from Johnson County Fire District #1 responded to four Miami County Fire District #2 (MIFD#2) service area incidents; including one house fire and three EMS assists. Mr. Whelan reported that MIFD#1 units from Louisburg, Paola, and Osawatomie were dispatched to a reported attached garage fire at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2025. Miami County Sheriff's Office, EMS, and Overland Park Fire were also dispatched to the scene. Deputies arrived on the scene at 8:14 p.m. where smoke was showing from the garage. A resident was attempting to contain the fire with a garden hose. The fire had extended into the attic above the garage, and the firefighters made an aggressive attack on it, containing it in the area above the garage. The resident of the home was checked by EMS for smoke inhalation but refused treatment. The fire was believed to have been started by a heat lamp in

the garage. The pre-incident value of the home and contents is \$610,243.00, and the damage estimated is \$61,005.00.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, expressed his gratitude to Road & Bridge for their efforts over the past week in clearing county property and public access areas of snow and ice. Road & Bridge also worked on clearing the airport.

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, spoke of the snow-packed roads from a recent storm on Saturday, 1/11/25 - there were 38 calls in a 48-hour period. Chief Burrow expressed their appreciation for everyone who stayed home and off the roads during this time. Backup unit, Medic 6, is out of rotation currently for mechanical maintenance at Louisburg Ford. Commissioner Diediker asked how many miles this unit had; Chief Burrow answered 115K miles. Commissioner Vaughan asked how long the unit will be out; Chief Burrow said four to five days.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz welcomed Commissioner Scruggs, District #2. Commissioner Scruggs was sworn in on Monday, January 13, 2025. Commissioner Pretz thanked our county taxpayers. Commissioner Pretz will not be at next week's commission meeting as he will be in attendance at the Local Government Day in Topeka.

Commissioner Vaughan thanked Road & Bridge for cleaning public access areas of snow & ice. Commissioner Vaughan moved to re-appoint Josh Brown to the Planning Commission; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. Commissioner Vaughan moved to re-appoint Ken Berg to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA); Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

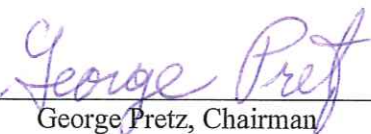
Commissioner Vickrey thanked Road & Bridge for cleaning public access areas of snow & ice.

Commissioner Scruggs thanked everyone and stated he was excited to start working with the commission. Commissioner Scruggs moved to appoint Rusty Gerken to the Planning Commission; Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk