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 29, 2025. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Stacey Weaver, Deputy Clerk
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Absent: Laura Epp, County Clerk

Visitors: Courtney Crawford, Michael Wyse, Topher Philgreen, Cameron Ray

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pretz 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 22, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Change order request to upgrade the electrical for the lift station (Grinder Pump) at the New Hillsdale EMS Station site.
- ECS Epoxy flooring cost for Hillsdale EMS building site

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

2024 Q4 Employee of the Month Sara Denney, Interim Human Resources Director stated the Employees of the month for fourth quarter are Mackenzie Owens, Office Coordinator/ Administration, Candy Pittman-Henchek, Dispatcher/ Emergency Communications, and Lindsey York, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Clerk – Health Department. To listen to the speeches the departments gave to Employee of the Month recipients go to https://miamicoks.portal.civicclerk.com/event/761/media.

NEW BUSINESS

Sitting as Miami County Fire District 1 at 1:08 pm

Request to develop an RFP for Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) for Miami County Fire District 1 vehicle. Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested "from the Fire Board for the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for installation of 11 MDT's and Fire District #1 owned fire apparatus." Mr. Whelan stated the anticipated cost for computers, antennas, mounting hardware, and power supplies is around $100,000.00 to be taken out of the Capital Budget. Commissioner Vaughan clarified that the Commission is not allocating funds but approving the RFP. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve an RFP, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Closed sitting as Miami County Fire District 1 at 1:10 pm

Approve Cops for Tots Board Members. Frank Kelly, Sherif, re-appointed Barb Fisher for Chairwoman, Karen Blanck for Vice Chairman, and Kali Peuser for At- Large for the Cops for Tots. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve Cops for Tots re-appointed Board Members, Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Resolution - Authorizing the construction of sewage treatment and disposal improvements to serve the existing Bucyrus Sewer District in Miami County, Kansas. Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated Mary

Carson, Miami County Bond Counsel determined that a resolution needed to be adopted authorizing the project. Mr. Krull stated the Bucyrus Sewer Project will eliminate the existing sewer facility and take the effluent from Bucyrus south side of town four and a half miles to (via 223rd Street) the City of Spring Hill's Wastewater Treatment facility at Sweet Water Creek. Mr. Krull stated the funding is from the following: County contribution from the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds is $1,250,00.00, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan of $1,420,000.00, a Small-Town Water and Sewer Infrastructure Assistance (STWSIA) Grant of $1,500,00.00, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of $305,126.00, and a Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Grant of $89,000.00. Mr. Krull stated when the project is complete the anticipated amount of the SRF Loan will be $550,00.00- $600,000.00, that is the estimated shortage of funding we will have that will be the local responsibility. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R25-01-002)**

24003-CUP: Youthfront Camps Expansion. Kenny Cook, Planning Director, stated the Youthfront Camp started in the 1950's. Mr. Cook stated the camp recently acquired land to the south of them and wants to expand the facility onto the land as well as construct some other improvements which would require an update to their Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Mr. Cook stated, "the current CUP does not have any conditions on it." Mr. Cook stated updating the CUP gives the County the opportunity to place new conditions. Mr. Cook stated the main points discussed in the study session was the traffic and dust control, Road and Bridge Director recommended dust control be established after eight cabins were constructed, or 50% of the improvements were constructed. The dust control would be from the main entrance to the side all the way over to Sunflower Road. Commissioner Vaughan stated, "instead of the eight cabins the commission requires dust control upon any future development." Commissioner Vaughan stated, "as long as everything remains stays status quo no dust control requirement, but upon any future development period the dust control requirement would be enforced." Commissioner Vaughan asked to go from 25 years to 20 years to review. Commissioner Scruggs said he "respects what you're saying, different situations we got to keep some consistency with what we do, but I think sometimes these things we need flexibility on our thinking." Commissioner Vaughan clarified the dust control would not happen until future construction starts. Commission Vickrey asked Mr. Cook what the current cost for a mile and a half of dust control? Mr. Cook stated I do not have that exact number, but on the Cricket Field operation, which was not as long, the cost was going to be $3,290.00 a year for the dust control. Commissioner Vaughan felt we are being flexible; a business that came before us with in the last several months was not given the opportunity to delay dust control. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the Youthfront Camps expansion with the two additions of: review in 20 years instead of 25 years and dust control when construction starts, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote passes 4 yay - 1 nay (Commissioner Vickrey) (. **(R25-01-003)**

Sitting as Miami County Fire District 1 at 1:23 p.m.

Authorize the participation of the existing Firefighters Relief Association. Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated in the past the treasurer would submit the paperwork to either the County Counselor or the County Attorney for their signature and then get the paperwork to the Kansas Department of Insurance for the continued operation of the Relief Fund. Mr. Whelan stated this year they want the Chief Executive Officer of the Fire District, of a city, or privately operated Fire Department to sign off that Relief Association is in fact legitimate, that we are in fact a public fire department and we have more than $5,000.00 to run the fire department. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the items as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Closed sitting as Miami County Fire District 1 at 1:24 p.m.

Change order request to upgrade the electrical for the lift station (Grinder Pump) at the New Hillsdale EMS Station site. Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, and Matt Gamblin, EMS Deputy Chief, stated there is a change order in the lift station grinder pump. Mr. Burrow stated a bigger pump was needed to be used due to the force pushed up over the water main. Mr. Burrow stated the bigger pump requires a 50-amp service. Mr. Burrow stated the change from a 20-amp to a 50-amp service is $3645.00. Chairman Pretz asked if that is because of the bigger motor? Mr. Burrow answered yes. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the items as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Epoxy flooring cost for Hillsdale EMS building site. Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, stated this change order was given to the Commission earlier, the quote was straight from the flooring company in the amount of $4,550.00. Mr. Burrow stated the quote has gone through CB Construction, who is our contractor, and they have added on their additional fees for the bonding and builders risk insurance, the new total is $5,253.00 which covers both the ambulance bays and the extra fire bay. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve the items as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

APPLICATIONS

Stacey Weaver, Deputy 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.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Diediker moved to appoint Andy Beck for Citizen and Nick Hammons for Alternate to the Board of County Appeals. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Scruggs moved to appoint Gary Gerken to the Economic Development Committee, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Pretz thank the taxpayers of Miami County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Scruggs moved to have an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Exception for 30 minutes beginning at 1:33 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, and Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator/ Finance Director. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 2:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

COUNTY CLERK (Seal) KANSAS MIAMI COUNTY

George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST: Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk