

**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 February 5, 2025. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Laura Epp, County Clerk
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Absent: Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem

Visitors: Harriet Lard, Dino Motta

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on January 29, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - Authorizing abatement of real property taxes for the McDonald homestead. Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator/ Financial Director, said for the next three action items we are asking to authorize an abatement of taxes for three dwellings that had house fires in 2024. Mr. Mellinger said they are still being taxed on the land value but will be prorated based on when the house fire happened in the year. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R25-02-003)**

Resolution - Authorizing abatement of real property taxes for the Brewer homestead. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R25-02-004)**

Resolution - Authorizing abatement of real property taxes for the Filipin homestead. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R25-02-005)**

Consider authorizing Zingre and Associates, PA, to prepare bid documents for the proposed bathroom renovations on the courthouse's second floor. Jim Starling, Building and Grounds Director, said he is here for the approval to go out for bid on the restroom repairs in the County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Pretz said this was discussed at length during the Study Session. Commissioner Scruggs stated that this is one of many items in the Court House that needs to be repaired, and I think we should prioritize the Court House going forward. Commissioner Vickrey said the bathroom has a step that needs to be repaired, it is dangerous and a safety issue. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

VE Credit for Future Building Pad was presented due to acceptance of Alternate 1A. That reduced the Future building footprint area. Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, stated this was put in the original bid from CB Construction when the soil blending was done for the preparation of the future building if we were to add an extra fire side bay. Chief Burrow said the cost comes in at \$7,417.00. Chairman Pretz moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Consider accepting the Granicus Proposal for Code Services. Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County

Administrator/ Financial Director said he was standing in for the Code Services Director and this proposal is for the software that Code Services department uses that streamlines the code processing and permit processing. Mr. Mellinger stated Granicus has a one year, three- year contract, and a five-year contract. Mr. Mellinger stated we are looking for a one-year contract to see how the company does. Chairman Pretz asked for more information. Mr. Mellinger stated Code Services has had this for the last four years. The software tracks for the Code Services department, to the end of the process. Mr. Mellinger said it allows permits to be submitted online and shortens the permit process time. Commissioner Scruggs stated the one-year contract allows time to do research. Mr. Mellinger said he believes the plan is to renew in the fall for 2026. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey complimented the Miami County Treasurer, Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) department for their assistance to the public with appointments and taking walk-ins. Commissioner Vickrey stated he feels we are more efficient after talking with people making appointments in Johnson County.

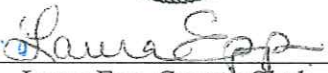
Chairman Pretz said there is an Open House on March 20, 2025, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Veteran Affairs (VA) building, east of Walmart. Attendees will need to RSVP. There might be two or more Commissioner's present. Commissioner Pretz also said thank you to the taxpayers of Miami County. Commissioner Pretz said, "Go Kansas City Chiefs."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.



ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk


George Pretz, Chairman