

**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 March 26, 2025. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Robin Motta, Marina Pittman, Caitlin Pittman, James Payne, Jeff Oliver, Dale Troyer

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dale Troyer, 39514 Crescent Hill Road, talked about a piece of property needing to get the zoning switched to commercial and wanted to know what it takes to rezone. Chairman Pretz asked Mr. Troyer if he had talked to Kenneth Cook in Planning and Zoning. Mr. Troyer stated he had not. Chairman Pretz stated Mr. Troyer needed to talk with Mr. Cook and go through the process and hopefully it will work out.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on March 19, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Sara Denny, Human Resources Interim Resource Director. Recognized Candy Pittman-Henchek as the 2024 Miami County Employee of the Year. To listen to the full comments please see the recorded video on our county's web site <https://miamicoks.portal.civicclerk.com/event/758/media>.

NEW BUSINESS

James Payne, Miami County Delegate Silvered Haired Legislation, requested the approval of a \$200.00 donation. Mr. Payne gave the Commissioners a Silvered Haired Legislation update. Talked about the food donated by businesses and farms. Mr. Payne stated volunteers and himself gave the food donated to 3,208.00 individuals. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the \$200.00 funding as the County has done in the past, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sitting as Fire Board #1 for the next action item

Mark Whelan, Fire Coordinator, requested the Commission to accept the bid from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. for MDT computers and installation. Mr. Whelan stated this is in reference to project number RFB 2025-002. The bids were opened on March 13, 2025. Parts On a Dime bid was \$101,890.65 but their bid was incomplete and the Turn-Key Mobile, Inc bid was \$72,040.20 with a five-year warranty. Connectivity to the network is not part of Turn-Key, it will be a separate payment. It is through First Net with AT&T in the amount of \$3,960.00 per year. Chairman Pretz asked Mr. Whelan to talk about the funding. Mr. Whelan stated the 911 fund will pay for computers and will pay for the monthly air cards through First Net with AT&T. The 911 fund balance is \$392,415.56. "Using the 911 fund to pay for the computers, we can use

\$41,998.00 on the computer side.” Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve with using the 911 fund as much as possible and then use the Rural Fire #1 budget for the remaining balance, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Mathew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, asked the Commissioners to approve the Agreement with KDOT to allocate the \$2 Million from their grant program for bridge 3.5-Q.1. Mr. Oehlert stated this is in reference to project number 24-02-SB (697)/KDOT 61 C-5353-01. Mr. Oehlert stated the replacement is located on 379th Street 0.2 mile east of Somerset Road. Miami County was awarded KDOT Off-System Bridge Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to cover 100% of the costs for construction and construction engineering (inspection) services for the bridge replacement. The County’s obligation is to pay 100% of the preliminary engineering, The Right of Way, Utility adjustments, and any other non-participating costs, the GEO Technical Survey and Design Services, which we have already incumbent with Kaw Valley Engineering in agreement for \$83,986.00. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve the Agreement with KDOT for bridge 3.5-Q.1, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Eric Sandburg, Road and Bridge Director asked the commission to authorize staff to solicit bids for road oil for the 2025 construction season. This will be road oil for our chip n’ seal program and asphalt program. Commissioner Vickrey moved to authorize staff to solicit bids for road oil for the 2025 construction season, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Eric Sandburg, Road and Bridge Director asked the commission to authorize staff to solicit bids for two 9ft. snowplows and two 2.0 cubic yard salt spreaders. These snowplows and salt spreaders will be fitted to two 2024 one-ton flatbed pickups the Road and Bridge Department purchased in 2024. Commissioner Diediker moved to solicit bids for two 9ft. snowplows and two 2.0 cubic yard salt spreaders, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denny, Interim Human Resources Director, asked the Commission to approve the resolution adopting the proposed amendments to the Miami County Personnel Rules and Regulations. The Amendments include the update to Section 7.16 – Injury Leave, Add Section 7.27 – Workers' Compensation Processes, Add Section 7.28 – Temporary Light Duty Assignment. The effective date of amendments will be 03/26/2025. Commissioner Pretz asked Ms. Denny how long did she work on the language? Ms. Denny stated the light duty policy was from Fisher Patterson, Linda Taylor, Human Resource Partner, and I spent a better part of a day working on the work comp policies and language. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve the amendments to the Personnel Rules and Regulations, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Kenneth Cook, Planning Director, stated Dale Troyer came to the meeting a little late and wanted to speak during the public comment time and did not understand that was in the beginning of the meeting. Chairman Pretz allowed Mr. Troyer to Speak. See Public Comments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan stated he went to the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) meeting yesterday. He had positive interaction regarding Miami County and made sure we had input on the bike trail system being evaluated for the Metro Bike Trail Infrastructure that they renew every five years. Commissioner Vaughan stated he also highlighted the work Miami County is doing on the north side of the county with the EMS station, the Bucyrus Sewer, and the 223rd work to keep that front and center for when Miami County large projects need MARC’s consideration in the future.

Chairman Pretz stated with spring elections there could be two or more commissioners present at the Canvasses. Louisburg Library Canvass is Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Clerk’s Office. The

proposed Osawatomie School Bond Canvass is Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Clerk's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

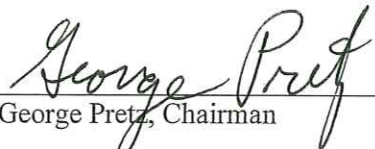
Chairman Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Executive Session to discuss a consideration of an easement for 15 minutes beginning at 1:35 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, Kirk Ridgeway, County Counselor, Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, and Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

(Seal)




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk