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 April 2, 2025. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Greg Vahrenberg, Bill Osborn, Jeff Oliver

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 March 26, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- GOE Agreement: 25002-LS / 25003-LS (**A25-04-016)**
- Add-On: Bond and Oath for Middle Creek Treasurer
- Add-On: Tax roll corrections
- Add-On: Action Agenda number 4 Acquisition of Right of Way

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation - National County Government Month.
Proclamation - Fair Housing Month - April 2025.
1st Quarter 2025 Employee of the Month, January was Casey Brown, Information Specialist II, Information Technology, February was Sara Gamblin, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Jesse Harman, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), EMS, and March was Stacey Weaver, Office Coordinator II, Deputy Clerk. 1st Quarter 2025 Director of the Quarter was Sandra Lucas, County Appraiser. 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

Shane Krull, County Administrator requested the Commission Chair to sign the ISG Managed Prevention Security renewal agreement. Mr. Krull stated this is a renewal of an agreement from three years ago that gives Miami County online protection, training of employees, email/ web security, and firewall protection, see (**A22-02-007**). Mr. Krull stated the services included in this agreement managed prevention security services, billing and fee schedule, managed prevention security services for 250 licenses at $28.00 each which gives a total initial monthly fee of $7,000.00 which can increase five percent annually. Mr. Krull stated this agreement is separate from the agreement we recently signed with ISG. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A25-04-017)**

Sitting as the Public Building Commission for the next action Item

Shane Krull, County Administrator, asked the Commission to adopt a resolution directing the PBC to proceed with the tender and conversion of the PBC's Series 2020B bonds. Mr. Krull introduced Greg Vahrenberg, Managing Director, Raymond James Public Finance. Mr. Vahrenberg talked about bonds, repayment schedules, interest rates, and buy back. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (**R25-04-013**)

The Administration Department requested the Commission to consider authorizing the Commission Chair to sign the contract with Audio Eye. Commissioner Vaughan moved to table for one week to April 9, 2025, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize the county counselor to file a lawsuit, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, for the acquisition of a tract of land across the northerly section of Parcel ID No. 292900000003020. Mr. Krull stated, "staff has been working with the County Counselor as well as the property owner and his legal representation to secure the last easement necessary for the Bucyrus Wastewater project." Mr. Krull stated if the landowner signs the offer that was given to him, we can retract the filing at that time, but we need to file by the end of business day on Friday. Commissioner Vaughan moved to authorize the County Counselor, on behalf of the Board, to file a lawsuit for the acquisition of a tract of land across the northerly section of Parcel ID No. 292900000003020, also known as Tract 7, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 15 South, Range 24 East of the 6th P.M. in Miami County, Kansas. Acquisition is for public use, namely the construction and maintenance of public utilities, including a sewer line. The taking would be in exchange for just compensation, to be determined by court-appointed appraisers. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator acknowledged Miami County's EMS staff and Johnson County Fire District #1. Mr. Krull acknowledged the positive working relationship Miami County has with Johnson County Fire District #1 as well as Miami County emergency staff in the northern part of the county. Mr. Krull appreciated the care that was provided.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan stated he went to the Spring Hill City Council Meeting. He gave updates on the 223rd work, the sewer line project, the EMS building that could affect Spring Hill residences, commented on the concern of water contracts and acknowledged Spring Hill has some tough decisions to make. Commissioner Vaughan was able to speak for the people of Miami County.

Commissioner Vickrey stated Louisburg and Miami County came and remembered Anthony Juarez as well as residents from Drexel, giving support for his family.

Commissioner Scruggs stated it would be worth discussing putting out a survey as we get into the budgeting process to prioritize needs and wants.

Chairman Pretz stated the budget sessions with the department heads start May 19, 2025, the department heads are starting to put their budgets together, and we appreciate their effort.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

(Seal) COUNTY CLERK KANSAS MIAMI COUNTY

George Pretz

George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST: Laura Epp

Laura Epp, County Clerk