

**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 9, 2025. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Courtney Crawford, Sheila K Spory, Cindy A. Spory, Dino Motta

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheila Spory, 28792 Pressonville Rd, talked about her aggressive neighbor's dog. She mentioned a statute on vicious animals and stated the problem started in 2019. Ms. Spory stated the lawyer sent a letter in 2019, but does not have a copy of it, and the dogs have been tied up until recently. Ms. Spory stated she has lived at her residence for over 40 years and has never been afraid to walk around her property like she is now. She said she is concerned about the new neighbors and their young children. Commissioner Scruggs asked Ms. Spory what would be an appropriate resolution? Matt Kelly, Undersheriff stated he is vaguely familiar with the case, the proper channels have not been done for the animals to be deemed vicious and would investigate the matter, then report back to the commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on April 2, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunication Week, April 13-19, 2025, Matt Kelly, Undersheriff, stated every year we recognize the dispatchers (Public Safety Communicators). He referenced a quote "We will take your call on your worst day and send you our best resources." Mr. Kelly stated they are the lifeline of the community and have done a wonderful job. Mr. Kelly stated the Sheriff, and I appreciate the recognition the Commissioners are doing for the dispatchers. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Proclamation - National Public Health Week, April 7-13, 2025, Mackenzie Kelly, Assistance Health Director for Miami County Health Department, said thank you for your acknowledgement this week, Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mackenzie Owens, Procurement, requested the Commission Chair to sign the contract with AudioEye. Ms. Owens stated we are 66 percent ADA compliant. Ms. Owens stated AudioEye is through Civic Plus, and they would go through our website and fix any problems. Ms. Owens stated there would not be a charge for AudioEye until September 1, 2025, when the cost would be put in with the Civic Plus contract for our website. Just the AudioEye fee would be \$4,500.00. Commissioner Vaughan asked how much of the work would we have to do through our PDF's and asked if there was a detail of what was not in compliance? Ms. Owens stated she does not have a list, that without Civic Plus doing a deep dive into the website they cannot

to seal coat the runway, fix the crack sealing, and re-stripe the runway. Mr. Krull stated the contractor McConnell & Associates will put a two-inch overlay on the concrete apron on the north side of the terminal building. Mr. Krull stated the contractor intends to work seven days a week to minimize the down time. Chairman Pretz asked if the restaurant will continue to be open. Mr. Krull stated, yes.

Laura Epp, County Clerk, stated Wednesday next week April 16, 2025, we will be starting early voting for a special election for the Louisburg Library District 1 in the County Clerk's office in the Administration Building, suite 102 during normal business hours 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Ms. Epp introduced and welcomed new employee Darcy Willson to the Clerk's Office. We look forward to her meeting the commission, the public and helping our other departments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan stated there could be two or more commissioners at a few upcoming events:

- April 29, 2025, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Transportation Forum with the K-State Research and Extension office held at the K-State Research and Extension office on April 29, 2025, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
- May 6, 2025, 1:00 pm
FIFA World Cup Forum at the Paola Community Center
- April 21, 2025 – April 23, 2025
Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) Conference in Manhattan, Kansas.
- April 10, 2025, 7:00 pm
The Republican Party Meeting at Timbercreek in Louisburg, Kansas.

Chairman Pretz thanked the taxpayers of Miami County.

this week, Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

The FIFA World Cup Forum at the Paola Community Center on May 6, 2025, at 1:00 pm. there could be more than two commissioners present.

KCCA Conference in Manhattan on April 21, 2025- April 23, 2025, there could be more than two commissioners present.

The Republican Party Meeting tomorrow April 10, 2025, there could be more than two commissioners present.

Chairman Pretz thanked the taxpayers of Miami County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk

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tell us what PDFs would need to be fixed and believes it is mostly verbiage that is not allowing Miami County's website to be ADA compliant. Commissioner Vickrey asked the commission if they would like to table for one week to get more information. Commissioner Vaughan asked if the quote is good for 188 days? Ms. Owen's stated she believes the quote is good until the end of April. Commissioner Diediker asked if there is another company that can do the same services for a cheaper cost? Commissioner Vickrey moved to table for one week, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Darryl White, Noxious Weed Director, requested the Commissioner's to sign the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and Annual Weed Eradication Report for 2025. Commissioner Vickrey stated this was discussed in depth in the Study Session. Laura Epp stated the Clerk's Office does not have an agreement to be signed. Commissioner Vaughan asked when the commission would be able to see the contract and prices? Eric Sandberg, stated they would have an agreement next week. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and Annual Weed Eradication Report for 2025 as presented; Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize staff to solicit price proposals for the Miami County, KS Courthouse for an MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing), structural, and environmental site assessment. Commissioner Vickrey asked when we get the costs, do we decide to approve the costs then? Mr. Krull stated we will go out to the marketplace and then decide when bids come in as to whether we go with a company. Commissioner Scruggs asked if there was anything that was added on to this assessment that has been not done before, and have we done the environment study before? Mr. Krull stated we have done periodic environment assessments at the Court House in the past from an air and mold standpoint on a three-year rotation as we have found mold in the past. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve to go out for price proposal, Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the vote was unanimous.

APPLICATIONS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, stated there was an application for a Special Event Permit for Running with the Cows. There is also a request from the Running with the Cows Leadership Committee to waive the \$250.00 fee. This has historically been waived in the past by the commission. Commissioner Vickrey acknowledged the receipt of the appropriate bonds, liability insurance, and approvals from various Miami County departments. Laura Epp, County Clerk, added the date of the event is May 10, 2025, at the Queen of the Holy Rosary School in Bucyrus, Kansas. Commissioner Vaughan asked Matt Kelly, Undersheriff if we charge for these events and do you have participation at this event. Mr. Kelly stated historically no we have not charged in the past, but this year will be different, and we will be charging for staff to be out there. Commissioner Vaughan asked Laura Epp, County Clerk if we waive fees for any other events? Ms. Epp stated she was not aware at this time; she will look into it and get back with the commission. Commissioner Vaughan would like to ensure that the county is being consistent and treating everyone equally across the board. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve the special event permit waiving the \$250.00 fee, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, clarified that the noxious weed contract is a multiyear with the option to execute an additional third year. Road & Bridge would like to take this option for a renewal of the contract. He will get the contract signed by the contractor, then get it to the commission next week with prices. Chairman Pretz asked if the commission needs to approve Darryl White to be our Noxious Weed Director every year. Mr. Sandberg stated yes, we do, so we will add the appointment on next week's agenda also and get him reappointed for his final year.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated the airport will be closed April 14, 2025, through the end of April