

**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 May 21, 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: Dino Motta, Jeff Oliver, Bill Osborn

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dino Motta, 17905 W. 319th Street, spoke about the options to remove the courthouse from the National Historic Register. Mr. Motta also spoke about the two funding alternatives, the Heritage Trust fund and the Historic Preservation Credit.

Bill Osborn, 27223 W. 235th Street, Mr. Osborn, asked for clarification from Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, regarding a comment regarding Miami County remaining budget neutral. The reference that was made a couple of weeks ago regarding a budget form that Miami County fills out to the state. Mr. Osborn stated that my understanding is if Miami County stays revenue neutral, Miami County will have to raise the mill levy. Mr. Osborn asked if that was true and to explain so he understands. Lucas Mellinger answered we would not have to raise the mill levy; the example was to show if Miami County uses the reserves in the account to get them back up, the way the state form is laid out, it is the cash available plus taxes is deemed resources available. As a result of us spending down our Road and Bridge fund if we were to pass the exact same budget as we did this current year for 2026, we would have to either fund it \$600,000.00 out of Miami County's pocket or raise taxes \$600,000.00 to cover it. That was the example I was trying to point out. Mr. Osborn stated thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on May 14, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On: Action Agenda number 3- Authorizing Retailer's Alcoholic Liquor License for Speedy Liquor in Hillsdale

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation - National Public Works Week, May 18-24. Commissioner Diediker read the proclamation. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, requested the Commission to authorize the upgrade from 5 users to unlimited users for Cartegraph. Mr. Sandberg stated that Cartegraph is an asset management and tracking program through OpenGov that has the capacity to expand to county-wide inventory and capital asset management. Currently, Miami County only uses the application for the sign department. Our current contract allows five users, but we would like to expand. The

next option with Cartegraph is unlimited users. If we move forward with unlimited users, Cartegraph will prorate pricing as of 6/4/2025 to \$6,250; The contract would run through 4/3/2026. Miami County would expect to pay the full contract price the following year, 4/4/2026-4/3/2027, at \$7,875.00. Mr. Sandburg stated that Road and Bridge currently spends \$8,948.25. Chairman Pretz asked how many users Road and Bridge has now? Mr. Sandberg answered that we currently have five users. Chairman Pretz asked Mr. Sandberg how many additional users he was planning to add immediately? Mr. Sandberg answered that as soon as we go unlimited, there will be at least fifteen users, Road and Bridge has to be added immediately, with more being added down the road, and Mr. Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, has plans with building maintenance. Commissioner Vaughan asked how many users Road and Bridge Currently have? Mr. Sandberg answered that we currently have five users. Commissioner Diediker moved to authorize Road and Bridge to purchase the unlimited user for Cartegrah, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-05-029)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to Approve and sign the WIOA CEO County Agreement. Mr. Krull stated Southeast Kansas Works is a Kansas works first that covers seventeen counties. This agreement is part of Southeast Kansas Works ongoing compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); Southeast Kansas Works is in the process of finalizing the Chief Elected Official (CEO) Board Agreement for Southeast KANSASWORKS Inc – Local Area V. It gives the opportunity for one person from each region to represent the board. This agreement allows Miami County to continue to be involved as we have for several years in the past. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-05-030)

Laura Epp, County Clerk, requested the Commission to sign the Resolution authorizing the retailer's alcoholic liquor license for Speedy Liquor. Ms. Epp stated Speedy Liquor is located in Hillsdale. The gas station currently has a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) license. They are opening a liquor store on the opposite side. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R25-05-016)

STAFF COMMENTS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, reported that early voting is going on for the USD 367, Osawatomie School District, special election during office hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Clerk's Office. We are closed Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day. Monday June 2, 2025, early voting will end at noon. Tuesday, June 3, 2025, voting will be at the Mac Steele Gym in Osawatomie from 7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, stated with the storms that came through on Monday we had damage to the transfer station at the shop. The wind blew in two garage doors and blew out a panel section on a metal wall. We have contacted the insurance company and put in a claim. Overhead Garage Door came in yesterday 5/20/2025, to safely take down the garage doors that were hanging by the cables. The insurance company will be out tomorrow 5/22/2025 to take pictures. Overhead Garage Doors is currently working on a price proposal for heavier wind doors. The wind took out the tracks and damaged the overhead motors. We will have to replace everything. We will keep the commission updated.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated Memorial Day Weekend we need to remember those that gave their lives and their families for our freedom.

Commissioner Vaughan stated the Chairman appointed me to be the liaison to the transportation project Miami County is going through. I was with Janet McCray, Economic Development Director, last week along

with other entities. We continued the conversations, there was good dialog with everybody, identifying different means, and trying to solve a problem.

Chairman Pretz stated we will be going back to the budget meeting after we are done with this meeting. Tomorrow, Thursday May 22, 2025, we will have a budget meeting starting at 8:30 a.m., We will have a budget meeting next Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk