

**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 28, 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: Shay Hanyasak

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 May 21, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Shay Hanyasak, Regional Coordinator for Lake Region Solid Waste Authority, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Chairman to sign off on the approval of the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority 2026 adopted budget. Ms. Hanyasak stated the budget is normally presented after the budget process. When presented in October, Miami County did not see the breakdown of how Lake Region Solid Waste Authority uses the dues. Chairman Pretz asked to clarify if Miami County's share is \$5,000.00? Ms. Hanyasak answered yes, each of the seven counties pays \$5,000.00. Chairman Pretz asked Shane Krull, County Administrator if they needed action now, or need action to include this in our 2026 budget? Mr. Krull answered when we get to the part of Miami County's adopting the budget, one of the funds is the Solid Waste fund, so we can go ahead now and once Miami County's budget is approved in August that will be the final approval for the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve including this \$5,000.00 amount in the Solid Waste budget for 2026, presented by Ms. Hanyasak, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator requested the Commissioners to sign the Benefit Unit Subscription Application with Rural Water Number 2. Mr. Krull stated Miami County has already paid for the water meter for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Hillsdale near 255th, on Old KC Road, the water line has been extended, and the water service is on. This is the agreement in place of a benefit unit you get being a patron of the Rural Water District. Rural Water needs this signed so they can record it in the Register of Deeds office. We went with a one-and-a-half-inch meter, which heightened the equity charge for the plant. We needed more than a three-quarter inch service with the future allowance for the fire service to fill fire trucks. Chairman Pretz asked the whole building is covered with fire sprinklers? Mr. Krull answered yes, a commercial fire sprinkler system. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-05-032)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to sign the Right-of-Way easement conveyance with Rural Water Number 2. Mr. Krull stated this is an extension off the mainline on Old KC Road to provide service for our facility, as well as any future development. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-05-031)

APPLICATIONS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, presented the Abstract of Votes of the Louisburg Library District 1 Special Bond Certification of canvass on May 14, 2025. The Clerk's Office is requesting the Miami County Board of Canvassers to sign the certificate for authentication of the Abstract of Votes of the Louisburg Library District 1 Special Bond election.

STAFF COMMENTS

Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator, stated we have mostly completed the reports from all the departments that were in the budget. The next phase we will start adding the new additions and request from the previous year in two weeks. I wanted to give everyone an update on the budget status.

Laura Epp, County Clerk, reported that early voting is going on for the USD 367, Osawatomie School District, special election during office hours, today 5/28/2025 through Friday 5/30/2025 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Clerk's Office. On 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. We have notified the Fontana residents by mail and the website that the voting location has moved to the Mac Steele Gym for this election only. The Canvass is June 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey moved to appoint Betty Miller to 2028, Steve Cowman to 2027, Phyllis Sharp to 2028, Lorna McCrea to 2027, and Phil Dixon to the Council of Aging Board, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Vaughan mentioned he attended the monthly MARC meeting yesterday. They update the transportation plan every five years. They are doing an open house over the next month and will vote on the next five years transportation plan at the August meeting. I will be vocal on Miami County's input on anything that comes down below Johnson County. Some of the grants are being cut so there is a lot of questions around the grants and how to distribute them to everyone.

Chairman Pretz stated he was at the new EMS station and looked through what still needs to be done. "It looks like a very good and practical building and should serve the purpose."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk