

**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 June 25, 2025. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Larry Bigelow, Cameron Ray, Chris Tidd

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 June 18, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and Election Payroll
- 25011-TP: Bergh Fireworks Display
- Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Rebate taxes of \$88,037.39 for 2024

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Bigelow, 17045 W 66th, Topeka, said Miami County's umbrella organization, The Kansas Association of Counties, reached out and sent us to Miami Counties Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and is one of our biggest supporters now. Mr. Bigelow spoke about The Champ Plan and the significant costs the county could save. Chairman Pretz said Commissioner Vaughan and I will be meeting with Mr. Bigelow after the meeting. Shane Krull, said he provided the Commissioners what Walton previously provided Miami County on the Champs Program and their attorney's outlined signification caveats. Commissioner Vaughan said he looks forward to hearing details.

Cameron Ray, 713 Sunset Dr., Louisburg handed out two pamphlets on Public Safety Sales Tax and mentioned the Court House is a big topic as well as the Sheriff's office asking for more money and then there is the projects for Emergency Medical Service (EMS). Mr. Ray spoke about the two handouts and how Johnson County is presenting their Public Safety Sales Tax to the public. Chairman Pretz appreciated Mr. Ray's time, research, and input. Commissioner Scruggs asked Mr. Ray as a Miami County citizen what are his top one or two issues. Mr. Ray responded number one is economic growth and number two is how the Sheriff's Office and first responders are stretched thin.

NEW BUSINESS

Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator/ Finance Director, requested the Commission to authorize staff to solicit price proposals for the Miami County, KS risk management services. Mr. Mellinger said we are still working on the qualifications. If the Commission approves the request for proposals (RFP) today, we should have the RFP sent out by Friday morning. The RFP is proposed to open on 6/26/2025 at 8:00 AM. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the authorization to solicit price proposals for risk management services, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Kenny Cook, Planning Director, requested the Commissioners to approve the Conditional Use Permit based on the findings and subject to the Conditions. Mr. Cook stated in the packet is the original resolution based on the findings and conditions that were originally recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Cook stated after the Study Session this morning I added in a new condition number four. The applicant may apply for a lot split of the subject property without requiring an amended CUP so long as the property owner's primary residence is located on one of the lots and follows the setback requirements from open storage areas to property lines. If the owner sells the house or the business the new owners will have to go through a new CUP process. Commissioner Vaughan thanked Mr. Cook for his work on this. Commissioner Vaughan thanked Mr. Tidd for bearing with us, and working through the process, and hopefully we will not need to see you for 20 years on the CUP. Commissioner Vaughan told Mr. Tidd that he appreciates him being in Miami County and supporting the County; we are here to support you. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R25-06-020)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Pretz said thank you to the tax payers of Miami County so we can continue your work everyday along with the staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.



ATTEST:

Laura Epp

Laura Epp, County Clerk

George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman