

**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 July 2, 2025. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Mark and Abigail Newton

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 25, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Presentation- Sara Denny, Human Resources Director, announced the Q2 2025 Employee of the Month and Director of the Quarter recipients.

- **April 2025 Employee of the Month: Kurt Weaver - Mechanic II, Road & Bridge**
Kurt was nominated for his willingness to go above and beyond helping others with whatever may arise throughout the day. Kurt treats others the way he wants to be treated and serves the county with the highest quality of service.
- **May 2025 Employee of the Month: Wendy Newton - Elections Specialist, County Clerk**
Wendy was nominated for efforts and knowledge in the role of election specialist for the county. Wendy is a knowledgeable, professional resource for Miami County and strives for excellence and accuracy throughout the entirety of the election process.
- **June 2025 Employee of the Month: Rheannah Gonzalez - Motor Vehicle Specialist, Motor Vehicle**
Rheannah was nominated for her dedication to providing the highest level of customer support and services the citizens of Miami County deserve. Rheannah treats others with kindness, compassion, professionalism, and goes above and beyond to aid citizens.
- **Q2 2025 Director of the Quarter: Frank Burrow - EMS Chief, EMS**
Frank was nominated for advocacy to improve the services of the Miami County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department. Frank's advocacy of providing the best emergency medical treatment can be seen through his efforts in adding an ambulance to the fleet to reduce the frequency of zero status. Frank's dedication to Miami County citizens are also prevalent in his efforts to build the new EMS station in Hillsdale.

To listen to the full comments please see the recorded video on our county's website.

<https://miamicoks.civicclerk.com/event/783/media>

NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Kelly, Undersheriff, requested the Commissioners Approve the reallocation of funds from the Sheriff's Office Part-Time (PT) Infrastructure Technology (IT) to on-site contractual services with Net

Standard. Mr. Kelly said the Miami County Sheriff's Office currently has a part-time IT position budgeted to provide on-site technology support. However, this position has remained vacant, and efforts to fill it have not produced a viable, long-term. In light of this, the Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to reallocate the budgeted funds for the part-time IT position to a contractual agreement with Net Standard. This contract would provide consistent, professional, and on-site IT support two days per week. Transitioning to this model will ensure uninterrupted technical support, improve operational efficiency, and better meet the technology demands of the agency. Mr. Kelly stated the budgeted salary is \$29,340.00 with budgeted benefits of \$5,868.00 for a total budgeted amount of \$35,208.00. The proposed contract and service agreement addendum provided with Net Standard is a total cost of \$38,400.00 with a Net Standard credit of \$3,192.00 for an adjusted total cost of \$35,208.00 which matches the current part-time IT budget. The service agreement is a thirty-six-month term with a 90-day written notice to cancel services. Chairman Pretz asked Mr. Kelly what they have been doing since they have not had an employee in this area? Mr. Kelly answered they have been trying to find someone that could help, but no one has IT knowledge. We are doing the best we can. We are not getting the results we need. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-07-035)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize staff to sign this agreement for a Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) project for the Miami County Airport. Mr. Krull said through the Kansas Department of Transportation and Aviation Division with the Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) Miami County was awarded an \$850,000.00 grant to facilitate the asphalt project for the taxi lanes and adjacent hangar ramps on the west side of the airport complex where the commercial businesses are located at the Miami County Airport. The grant funding through the State of Kansas is \$765,000.00 and the local contribution will be \$85,000.00 to equate to the \$850,000.00 project. The work is anticipated to be done by this time next year. This is the first time in 25 years that Miami County has received KDOT funding. Once this project is done, we will use the bill grant funding to address the remaining asphalt in the hangar complex on the east side of the airport. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-07-034)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan said he was glad to be here.

Chairman Pretz said, "thank you to the taxpayers as always, to continue the work of the county and the citizens of the county."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

(Seal)


George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk

