

**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 9, 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	Darcy Wilson, Operation Support Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Visitors: George Schubel

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 July 2, 2025

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Schubel, 26426 Mission Belleview, inquired about chip and seal on Mission Belleview between 263rd to 271st. He stated that the surrounding roads have all been done and that he has been communicating with Miami County for several years now and cannot seem to get an answer. Mr. Schubel stated he has two questions; why was this one-mile segment left out in the first place? Is it possible to add the one-mile segment to the county list? Chairman Pretz asked if anyone had a response, Commissioner Diediker asked if he had tried Mag Chloride? Mr. Schubel stated that he used it when Miami County offered it. When the county stopped, he received a letter from a company from Overland Park asking him if he was interested in the service at an increased price. He didn't think it lasted very long nor was it very effective. Commissioner Vaughan stated that he would hate for him to go away without an opinion. Commissioner Vaughan then stated that he does not have any interest in adding any additional paved structure now because the county is so far behind on its current schedule. He cannot comment on why that one-mile segment was not completed and he would have to look into it. Commissioner Vaughan explained at this time he would not be advocating for any additional chip and seal work.

NEW BUSINESS

Shane Krull, County Administrator requested the commission to consider adopting the Resolution affirming the Miami Republic Newspaper as the official county newspaper. Mr. Krull explained that the Clerk's office brought notice of the resolution naming Western Spirit as the official publication sitting back in excess over twenty years. Since the sale of the newspaper changing name to Miami Republic. Mr. Krull requested commission to adopt Resolution affirming the Miami Republic Newspaper the official newspaper Pursuant to K.S.A. § 64-101. Chairman Pretz asked if this needed to be done every year. Mr. Krull stated no, absent of change in the newspaper. Chairman Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous (R25-07-021)

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, asked the commission to approve the replacement of four of the Revel Ventilators. Revel has been discontinued and are not serviceable, parts are no longer available. Purchasing them from Zoll Medical under the following terms. 30% down and then 4 equal payments over 4 years. Total cost for 4 Ventilators is \$81,810.88, 30% down initially is \$24,543.26, then 4 equal payments of \$14,316.91 for the remaining payments. Chairman Pretz asked if that was with an interest rate or are the payments figured into a lease purchase? Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator, believes it's an option to pay it out. Chief Burrows also believes there is no interest applied and it is a lease purchase. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Frank Burrows, EMS Chief gave an up to date financial and call report. The Hillsdale Station is now open, and the staff is really liking it. Commissioner Vaughan asked about an open house. Chief Burrow stated that they wanted to wait until the weather cooled off, so they are planning mid-September.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan Stated he attended another transportation forum meeting. They are still collecting information, ideas, and trying to get the data to understand what the next steps are. He wanted to let everyone know that he is still attending these meetings and as he gets information he will report back.

Commissioner Vickrey wanted to thank the Clerks office for the expedited work on the petition for the ballfields in Louisburg. It only took them one day to get the signatures counted and certified. The school district will determine if this question will be on the ballot.

Chairman Pretz announced the Louisburg City/County Meeting, August 12, 9am at Fox Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18pm



George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk