

**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 23, 2025. Those present were:

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

Absent: George Pretz, Chairman

Visitors: Abby Mills, Brett Waggoner

CALL TO ORDER

Pro-Tem, Commissioner Vaughan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on July 16, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Order of Corrections: Clerical Error Abate for Real Estate (Butler, Ryan, and Rebecca)

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to Award RFP 2025-11 MEP and Structural Site Assessment for the Miami County, KS Courthouse. Mr. Oehlert said the price proposals for RFP 2025-11-MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) and Structural Site Assessment for the Miami County, KS Courthouse were opened and publicly read aloud on July 8, 2025. Miami County received proposals from PST Engineering, Martin/Martin, McCown Gordon, Bartlet & West, BG Consultants, and Farris Engineering. After reviewing the price proposals, staff would recommend Farris Engineering for the award of this project for the amount of \$26,800.00. Commissioner Vaughan said this is a continuation of the study that Trainer did, so we will be able to use that information and combine it with this study to get the most comprehensive evaluation. Mr. Oehlert said absolutely. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matthew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, requested the Commission to award the RFP to Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc for the ESA I & II (Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment) Project in the amount of \$7,715.00 for the Miami County, KS Courthouse. Mr. Oehlert said Price proposals for RFP 2025-12 ESA I & II (Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment) for the Miami County, KS Courthouse were opened and publicly read aloud on July 8, 2025. Miami County received proposals from Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc., Partner Engineering and Science, Inc., Terracon, Tetra Tech, and Baldridge Engineering. After reviewing the proposals, staff would recommend Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc. for the award of this project. Commissioner Vaughan asked Mr. Oehlert for clarification to the public; with both of these RFP and evaluations Miami County will have a comprehensive understanding of the current building and all around the mechanical, environmental issues, and any unknowns so we can make an educated decision on the next steps for the Court House, Correct? Mr. Oehlert said yes, the general scope of what we are trying to accomplish is either restoration, improvement, or the expansion of the Court House. We want to make sure there are no structural deficiencies, and the Court

House is environmentally safe to occupy. Commissioner Scruggs moved to award RFP 2025-12 ESA I & II to Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Kelly, Undersheriff, requested the Commission to consider the approval of a rate of pay adjustment for two Miami County employees. Mr. Kelly said for one employee we would do a 7.68% increase, and the other employee we would do a 7.14% increase. Commissioner Vickrey said as we discussed last week this is an anomaly that is not across all our departments. Mr. Kelly said he looked over the records to determine how this occurred and determined this was an oversight. Commissioner Vaughan asked Mr. Kelly if he has verified there are no other issues inside the department? Mr. Kelly answered not that he could find. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve the pay adjustments; Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denney, Human Resources Director, requested the Commission to approve the resolution amending the Miami County Organizational Chart, effective July 26, 2025. Ms. Denney said the resolution will eliminate one part-time 0.6 FTE Information Specialist I, in the Jail 274 General Fund and add two full-time Deputy Sheriff positions, grade LEO8 to the 277 Sheriff Patrol General Fund. Ms. Denney said these two positions are the two grant positions the Commission has previously approved. Commissioner Vaughan asked Mr. Kelly, Undersheriff, if Miami County will net the \$35,000.00 in this year's budget? Shane Krull, County Administrator answered Miami County is using Net Standard to provide the on-site presence and is using the salary savings to offset the cost. Ms. Denney said the estimated Deputy Sheriff Annual Pay and Benefits is \$110,843. Commissioner Vaughan asked if that included budgeted overtime? Ms. Denney answered yes that includes family benefits and budgeted overtime. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commission to accept the bid requests and awarding to Timco Blastings and Coatings for project Number: 25-1343 for \$3,641,035.00 for the Force Main Improvements. Mr. Krull introduced Abby Mills, Project Engineer from BG Consultants and Brett Waggoner, Governmental Assistance Services. Ms. Mills said they received five bids with Timco Blastings & Coatings being the lowest bidder at \$3,641,035.00. Ms. Mills said she has been working with the contractor since the bid to get their contact information, their resume, and what companies they intend to use. Ms. Mills said BG Consultants has not worked with the company in the past. The company is based in Oklahoma and does pipeline and heavy civil work. They are qualified for this type of work. Ms. Mills said she recommends awarding the project to Timco Blastings and Coatings. Commissioner Vaughan said he is glad Miami County found a company that is close to the option we were thinking. Commissioner Vaughan asked about the timeline? Ms. Mills answered we hope to have the agency's approval in about a month. The contractor said they would be ready to mobilize on this project as soon as we have the agency's approval. The project has a 365-day timeline. Commissioner Scruggs asked Ms. Mills what they look at when looking at the bids? Ms. Mills answered the price is a big determining factor unless they are not qualified. We also look at other projects the company has done and have they dealt with our state agencies. Brett Waggoner, Governmental Assistance Services, said we are a third-party agency that deals with the funding agencies. We wanted to update everything since we have been working off of projections for so long. The project is not entirely funded by grant money. We are in the ballpark from the projections we had eleven months ago. Mr. Waggoner said we got an extension on the project until December 31, 2025, and he will be back in the fall to talk about another extension. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the bid to Timco Blastings and Coatings for \$3,641,035.00. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator thanked Abby and Brett on their diligence and efforts on the Bucyrus project. Mr. Krull talked about the project and the funding opportunities along with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money; the ability to do the project cash out of hand for less than \$600,000.00 for a four

million plus project is mind boggling. Mr. Krull thanked Matt Oehlert, Engineering Project Manager, on the easement acquisitions and planning for this project along with attorney Allen Skeens. In addition he gave his appreciation to the Board of County Commissioners for the last three years. Mr. Krull said this will be a great benefit to Miami County.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey said he went to the fairgrounds for lunch, and it was good to see, with the parade tonight and the fair, it is a good week.

Commissioner Scruggs said last Thursday morning he went to the Counties Soil Conservation Coffee. There is a growing movement on the supply part of the farm, a lot of them are going to the suburbs to sell their produce. Something to look at in the future is some type of retail type distribution in Miami County.

Commissioner Vaughan said the commissioners are told we do not do anything for economic development. The Bucyrus project is economic development. It will sustain economic development for twenty plus years to come. We did the foundation that allows cities and developers to expand. We spent three years getting this project together and going. We are proud of all of our staff and partners.

ADJOURNMENT

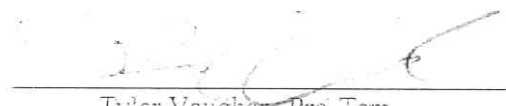
The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk


Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem