

**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 August 6, 2025. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Lucas Mellinger Assistant County Administrator
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	Darcy Wilson, Operation Support Specialist

Absent: Keith Diediker, Commissioner

Visitors: Stephen Graue, Drew Moore, Patrick Smith

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 30, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephen Graue, of 4353 W. 351st Street, addressed the Commission regarding property damage. Mr. Graue reported upon returning from vacation last week, he and his wife found that approximately one hundred red cedar trees planted in 1995 along their property line had been damaged. Mr. Graue stated that he believes the damage was done by county equipment, describing a machine that mashes up against the tree and left what he described as an "ugly mess." Chairman Pretz asked what was the length of the damage? Mr. Graue stated a quarter mile. Chairman Pretz then asked if they cut right in front of their house? Mr. Graue stated yes and that they were not notified that any work would be done, and they came home to this mess. Mr. Graue stated that all the trees were planted one foot behind the property line. Chairman Pretz asked if that one foot was outside the county easement? Mr. Graue stated yes, one foot past. Chairman Pretz asked if those trees grew into the county right-away? Mr. Graue stated you would have to define what you mean by growing into? Mr. Graue believes there is no growth from the trees other than the limbs that are hanging over and they provide dust, snow, and wind barrier for his house. Chairman Pretz stated that Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director would be glad to talk more with him. Chairman Pretz thanked Mr. Graue for coming today and Mr. Graue thanked the commission for letting him speak.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Patrick Smith, Risk Manager KCAMP, attended the meeting to recognize Miami County for meeting the criteria for the KCAMP Risk Management Achievement Award. KCAMP appreciates the steps that Miami County and the Risk Management Committee are taking to reduce the risk of property loss and liability related claims. Mr. Smith presented an appreciation check in the amount for \$5,593.15. Mr. Smith thanked the commission for their due diligence and thanked the staff for organizing meetings, trainings, and inspections to receive this achievement award. Chairman Pretz asked how many counties are receiving this award? Mr. Smith stated thirteen counties qualified. Chairman Pretz thanked Mr. Smith for attending, for presenting the award, and for explaining the significance of the award.

NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, requested the Commission to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Notice to Proceed with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC for the 2025 Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program, Miami County Project No. 24-07-ST-CO (702). This is for the commission approved plans and construction documents which includes 223rd Street, Woodland to Metcalf and Metcalf, 215th Street to 271st Street. Mr. Oehlert stated that staff recommends that the Commission Chair execute the Notice to Proceed with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC for the 2025 Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program. Commissioner Vickrey moved to proceed with the Notice to Proceed, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Vaughan thanked Mr. Oehlert for his hard work on this project and for making the last-minute changes they requested in a quick and timely manner. Commissioner Vickrey added that Mr. Oehlert was able to do more with less budget and they are very thankful for that.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan wanted to announce that there will be a lunch for the commissioners next week during their lunch hour and that more than three commissioners will be attending.

Commissioner Scruggs wanted to appoint Drew Moore to the Planning Commission, to fill a vacancy created by the recent resignation of Joe Flake. Drew lives in Fontana, he is the head of sales at Quality Automotive and brings experience with rural and economic development. Drew has general knowledge of current county issues. Commissioner Scruggs made a motion to appoint Drew Moore to the Miami County Planning Commission, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion passed 4-0. Chairman Pretz asked Kenny Cook, Planning Director, when Mr. Moore's term would end for his appointment. Mr. Cook responded he would have to get back to the Commission regarding the term length.

Chairman Pretz thanked the good taxpayers of Miami County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk