

**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 13, 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: Stephen Graue

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 August 6, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephen Graue, 4353 W. 351st Street, said the trimming ruined his wind break of 50 trees that was planted ten feet from the road. He feels it looks terrible. He is concerned that he did not get a call letting him know that the trees were getting cut. He suffers from PTSD and the tree line was his safety net. Mr. Graue said he was told that the limbs would not be picked up that a brush hog will be running over the limbs. He maintains a nice yard and is not happy. He wants to know what the county is going to do.

NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, requested the Commission to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the construction change order for Project 24-07-ST-CO (702) in the amount of \$1,795,681.29. Mr. Oehlert said the changes to the contract documents (A25-04-022) include the following three changes: (1)-Remove: Cold Milling (2" depth) from 223rd Street from Woodland Rd to Metcalf Rd. (2) Add: Cold Milling (3" depth) and 1" HMA Leveling Course from 223rd Street from Woodland Rd to Metcalf Rd. and (3)- Add: Additional 3 miles of 2" Mill and 2" Overlay work on 223rd Street from Metcalf Rd to State Line Rd. There is 5.5 million allotted for the project, so we are still below budget. The original contract price is \$3,481,694.35. With the addition of the change order the new contract price is \$5,277,375.64. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator/ Financial Director, requested the Commission authorize the County Administrator to sign the new contract with AT&T. Mr. Mellinger said Miami County's existing contract with AT&T allows for 100MB of dedicated internet for \$1,400 a month. Increasing the county's dedicated internet to 1GB would decrease the cost to \$1,262 a month. Commissioner Vickrey mentioned this is lowering the amount each month for faster speeds. Commissioner Vaughan asked Mr., Mellinger to look at local providers. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve the AT&T contract, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C25-08-004)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan addressed Mr. Graue concerns and asked Road and Bridge for justification as to why the tree trimming was done and asked for an apology to Mr. Graue. Commissioner Pretz said he speaks

for the commission and agrees.

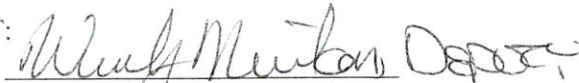
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

(Seal)


George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk

