

**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 September 3, 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	

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 27, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, requested the commission authorize staff to sign the Arctic Wolf contract renewal. Mr. Mellinger said Arctic Wolf is a cybersecurity company that provides managed security services, focusing on threat detection and response through its cloud-native Aurora platform. Arctic Wolf was offered to Miami County through ISG as a 3-year contract. Our existing contract will expire in September 2025. A new 3-year contract would cost \$92,800 per year (\$7,737 per month). The previous cost to Miami County was \$81,000 per year (\$6,750 per month). Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

(A25-09-049)

NEW BUSINESS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commission authorize the Commission Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Krull said the Paola Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) was adopted by the City of Paola in 2004. The plan requires interlocal agreements with Miami County and the Paola School District. These interlocal agreements were approved in 2004 but have expired. The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is intended to promote revitalization of a portion of the City of Paola and protect and promote sound growth for the city. Mr. Krull said the city readopted the NRP last month and is seeking the counties continued support. Mr. Krull spoke about the NRP process and Miami County's involvement. Commissioner Scruggs moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-09-050)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners authorize the Commission Chair to sign the agreement with Olsson, Inc for rehabilitating the west taxi lane and hangar ramps at the Miami County Airport. Miami County received a \$850,000 grant from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Aviation. \$765,000 is from KDOT and \$85,000 is from Miami County's ten percent match. The current Olsson Agreement is \$68,700 for design services and \$8,200 for bidding services. Mr. Krull said in a few months there will be a third agreement for the construction and engineering phase. Commissioner Vickrey said this is an asset to the county. It could improve the county's businesses to expand and allow the county to grow and our citizens to enjoy. Commissioner Vaughan complimented Mr. Krull on his good work with securing matching grants. Mr. Krull said this is a good investment. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as

presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A25-09-051)

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, said EMS Chief Frank Burrow's mom passed away this morning. She was 98 years old today. He said he wanted to extend our thoughts and prayers to his family.

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, gave an update on the 223rd road project. Phase 1 has been completed, and improvements are being implemented from the original plan. Mr. Oehlert stated that improvements are being identified from the original plan with field adjustments that are resulting in cost savings and a better product in the end. He also said the project is on schedule and on budget or under budget at this point.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey said he spoke with Rita Knop, and she said she appreciates all the department's efforts at the county that has helped to get her special event permit processed. This is for a benefit for a veteran's event. Chairman Pretz asked where the event will be held? Commissioner Vickrey answered south and west of Louisburg. Laura Epp, County Clerk answered Pflum Road.

Commissioner Vaughan said on September 17, 2025, there could be two or more commissioners present at our tenure luncheon.

On September 19, 2025, there could be two or more commissioners present at the Farm Bureau event at Isinglass Estates from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

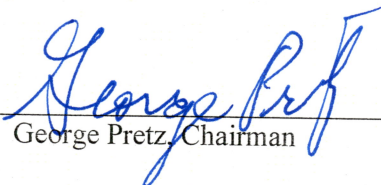
Chairman Pretz said there could be two or more commissioners present at the Southeast Kansas regional meeting from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in Ottawa, KS starting at the Ottawa Memorial Auditorium and ending at the Bottle House in Ottawa, KS.

Chairman Pretz said thank you to the good citizens of Miami County.

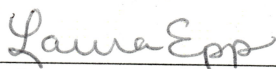
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

(Seal)


George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk

