

**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 October 15, 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 October 8, 2025
- Approval of Accounts Payable payment vouchers
- Temporary Construction Easement — Robert J. and Jamie L. Ballard **A25-10-059**
- Grant of Easement Agreement for 25009-LS (Stubbs, Harry & Gay) **A25-10-060**

Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Recognize the Q3 2025 Employee of the Month and Director of the Quarter recipients.

- July 2025 Employee of the Month: Kim Lerbs - Field Appraiser I, Appraisal
- August 2025 Employee of the Month: Shannon Gamboni - Care Resource Coordinator, Health Department
- September 2025 Employee of the Month: Darren Ramsey - Road & Bridge Supervisor, Road & Bridge Department
- Q3 2025 Director of the Quarter: Eric Sandberg - Road & Bridge Director, Road & Bridge Department

Full congratulatory remarks and presentations can be viewed in the recorded meeting video available on the county's website. <https://miamicoks.portal.civicclerk.com/event/860/media>

STAFF COMMENTS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, said early voting has started in the Administration Building on the first floor. We will be doing early voting Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with the exception of Thursday, October 23, 2025, and Tuesday October 28, 2025, we will be open until 6:00 p.m. We are also open on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). On Monday, November 3, 2025, early voting ends at noon. Ms. Epp said if anyone wants to see a sample of their ballot style, they can log onto voterview.org. The information is also on our elections page, click the link on my voter info and enter your name and birthdate and look up their specific ballot type. We have a multitude of ballot types through the county, it is best to look up your own and not look at your neighbors. Chairman Pretz asked if all polling locations will be open? Ms. Epp answered yes, all thirteen polling locations will be open. Ms. Epp said this morning we have had a good response already. Chairman Pretz asked if this is primarily school board, and city? Ms. Epp answered it is a City/School General Election, correct.

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, gave an update on the Metcalf Road construction. Woodland Road to Metcalf is complete except for striping. They have milled and started paving Metcalf from 215th to 271st. Four days is a little ambitious to get this next stretch done, I think we are looking into the end of next week

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for that stretch to wrap up. We will then start to look at 223rd east of Metcalf to State Line. We are getting to weather crunch time, now so the last section may get delayed or may not happen. Commissioner Vaughan asked if we need 70-degree weather? Mr. Sandberg said 40-degrees and rising, 45 ambient for pavement laying, the lows are looking good right now, so if the weather pattern holds for the next few weeks, we should be able to get started on it.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, thanked Sara Denney, Human Resources Director and her team for facilitating the Employee Development Day at the Community Center. I appreciate all the employee's involvement. I appreciate the Board of County Commissioners for their continued support in Employee Development Day. I appreciate the City of Paola for letting us use the Community Center. Chairman Pretz said he attended all day and thought it was great from start to finish.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey said he drove up this morning and saw the work being done on Metcalf. It is coming along well.

Commissioner Diediker gave a special congratulations to Darren Ramsey, Road and Bridge, he has been with the Road and Bridge Department since 1983. He has a lot of experience and told Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director if he needs to know anything do not hesitate to lean on him. Commissioner Diediker gave Mr. Ramsey a personal thank you.

Commissioner Vaughan announced there could be two or more commissioners at the City/County meeting in Spring Hill on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Pretz said there could be two or more commissioners at the Farm Bureau annual meeting tomorrow night October 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Paola.

Chairman Pretz thanked the taxpayers of Miami County. They keep everything going for us.

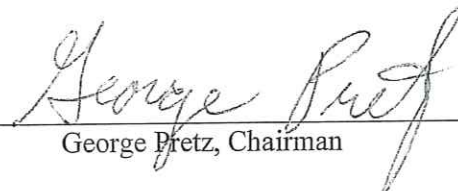
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Confidential Data (trade secrets) Exception K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4)a Executive Session to discuss financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships for 15 minutes beginning at 1:25 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, and Assistant County Administrator. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:40 p.m.

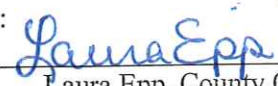
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk