

**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 22, 2025. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Laura Epp, County Clerk
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	Kirk Ridgway, County Counselor
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Visitors: Jennifer Williams, Robby Haupt

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 15, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Williams, 21993 Moonlight, Spring Hill, spoke about three key items: redistricting, economic development, and rural preservation. To hear her full speech please see the recorded meeting video available on the county's website. <https://miamicoks.portal.civicclerk.com/event/861/media>

STAFF COMMENTS

Sara Denney, Human Resources Director, said we are currently closed Wednesday, Christmas Eve and Thursday, Christmas Day. I sent a poll to all the department heads and received a 68% anonymous return in favor of working Christmas Eve and having Friday, the day after Christmas, off. If the Commission is in favor of that she will bring a revised resolution to the meeting next week to be signed. Commissioner Vaughan said he would like to close at 12:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Chairman Pretz asked the Commission if it is acceptable to bring a resolution forward? The Commission agreed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey said Road and Bridge completed Metcalf and it looks good, they have started 223rd toward State Line.

Commissioner Scruggs said he attended the City/County summit with Commissioner Vaughan and Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator. It was one of the better meetings he has been to and talked about the meeting.

Chairman Vaughan echoed Commissioner Scruggs and thanked Spring Hill for inviting Miami County and sponsoring the event.

Chairman Pretz said he believes there is one more City/County meeting in Fontana and will announce that next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Executive Session for 30 minutes beginning at 1:20 p.m. to include the Commissioners, Kirk Ridgway, County Counselor, and Assistant County Administrator. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. No

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action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:50 p.m.

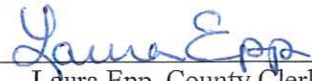
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk