

**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 29, 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	Kirk Ridgway, County Counselor

Visitors: Brian Gardner, Tim Blackwood, Mike Hursey, William Osborn, Scott Chrisman

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 22, 2025
- Approval of Accounts Payable payment vouchers
- 25005-SUB: Foote Estates Plat
- Grant of Easement Agreement 25010-LS & 25011-LS: Asah LLC (A25-10-061) (A25-10-062)
- Grant of Easement Agreement 25017-LS: Chamberlin (A25-10-063)
- Moving action agenda item number 1 resolution for KCAMP to number five
- Add-on- replacing Action Agenda number one- Schedule a public hearing in the matter of the petition for specified land to Rual Water District No. 2
- Executive Session between Action Agenda number 4 and 5

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Gardner, 30953 Cold Water Rd, Louisburg, and Tim Blackwood, 30925 Cold Water Rd, Louisburg, inquired about the process to extend the paved road on 311th Street, two miles to Cold Water Rd. The paved road stops two miles west of Cold Water Rd and feels there is enough feeder traffic that would benefit those two miles being chip and sealed. They asked how they get in line or what the process was for road improvements. Commissioner Pretz said most resources are going to maintaining the hard surface roads. Commissioner Scruggs talked about the process and what is looked at for road improvements. Commissioner Vaughan said in fairness he is not going to give a lot of hope to their request. He does not see it happening within the next decade. Commissioner Diediker said Miami County has put a hiatus on new asphalt roads. Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director has a list of requests for road improvements.

Mike Hursey, 16315 W. 207th Street, Paola, Casa Somerset Bed and Breakfast, spoke about his Bed and Breakfast and the requirements, licensing, and inspections. He said Miami County has the hardest rules and requirements for a Bed and Breakfast. Mr. Hursey said he would be willing to sit down and talk with Miami County.

Bill Osborn, 27223 W. 235th Street, Spring Hill, responded to some public comments in last week's meeting. He said there is a threat of Edgerton encroaching Miami County. Mr. Osborn talked about the Golden Initiative. He regards the golden proponents highly, in particular Jennifer Williams for her passion and leadership, however he cannot support the establishment of this city. A proposed city will need revenue, will create another taxing entity, and will be a bureaucracy and have a boundary. We do not know what New Golden aspires to be at this stage, whether it is the original request or different. The question of Golden has already been asked and answered, another protracted debate will do nothing more than needlessly invite division.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation - Operation Green Light Proclamation. Operation Green Light is a national initiative that recognizes and honors U.S. military veterans by lighting buildings and landmarks green. This year's observance will take place from November 3rd through November 11th, 2025. Commissioner Vaughan read the proclamation. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the proposed Operation Green Light Proclamation, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

ACTION AGENDA

Schedule a Public Hearing in the matter of the petition for specified land to Rural Water District No. 2, Miami County, Kansas. Shane Krull, County Administrator, said Miami County had received communication on this through the clerk's office from the water district's attorney requesting to provide service to grounds that is currently not being serviced. Chairman Pretz moved to set the Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the regular scheduled BOCC meeting at 1:00 pm, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider a Lease Agreement for Cops for Tots. Mr. Krull said the existing lease they have for the operation of Cops for Tots. The annual lease is \$4,800.00 paid in two instalments. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. (A25-10-064)

Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to approve of a resolution amending the official holiday schedule for 2025. Mr. Mellinger said this was brought to your attention last Wednesday. We were going to have Wednesday, Christmas Eve and Thursday Christmas Day off, then have everyone return to work on Friday. I believe everyone agreed to have Christmas Day, Friday, the day after Christmas off and on Wednesday, December 24th, close at 12:00 pm. Non-emergency offices will remain closed through the weekend, opening again on Monday, December 29th. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. (R25-10-034)

Kenny Cook, Planning Director, recommended the Commissioners approve to renew and amend the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Cook said the existing communication 300-foot guide tower is located at 359th Street and 69-highway. There was a five-year renewal. Miami County is treating towers like utilities which does not have a limitation of the hours. The conditional use permit (CUP) was up for renewal. The Planning Commission recommends the removal of the 10-year expiration requirement and added one requirement that the property be maintained and kept free from obnoxious weeds and debris. The Planning Commission did make the recommendation of approval with a vote of 8-0. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve the CUP for the AT&T tower, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. (R25-10-035)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Vickrey moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Executive Session to discuss request for proposals and liabilities for 30 minutes beginning at 1:35 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Counselor, County Administrator, and the Assistant County Administrator. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 2:05 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA

The Commissioners to approve and sign a resolution to dissolve the relationship with Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) in accordance with the KCAMP bylaws. Chairman Pretz said he will be voting no; he appreciates Elliot bidding. He felt KCAMP provided exceptional service. Nothing against Elliot, KCAMP's record has been excellent. I felt after analyzing it, we received better coverage with

KCAMP, and it is a better financial decision to go with KCAMP. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the resolution dissolving the relationship with KCAMP, and marking the official appeal received by KCAMP. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried 3 to 2; three in favor and Commissioner Diediker and Commissioner Pretz opposing. **(R25-10-033)**

APPLICATIONS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, stated there was a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Huskies Food Mart on Old KC Road in Marysville Township, Paola, KS. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, said early voting is going on right now. We had successful early voting late nights, last Thursday and Tuesday night. We are 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. Thirteen polling locations will be open Tuesday for all residence to report to their polling locations. Chairman Pretz asked when canvass was? Ms. Epp said Monday, November 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Pretz announce the canvass on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 9:00 am, there will be more than two Commissioners present.

Commissioner Diediker announced the next City/County Summitt meeting on December 16, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Fontana Christian Church on Hedge Lane, south of 383rd Street.

Commissioner Diediker said he appreciates Elliotts bid, also agrees with Commissioner Pretz, KCAMP and KWORCC did a good job for us.

Commissioner Vaughan motioned to appoint Shane Krull, County Administrator to the Total Transportation Policy Committee as a member and appoint Eric Sandberg as the alternate to that board. Commissioner Vaughan clarified that is the Mid-America Regional Council board (MARC), Total Transportation Policy Committee. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Vaughan said he went to the MARC meeting yesterday and there were concerns around Head Start Funding using reserves to help fund that and hope for reimbursement when the government opens back up. My main reason for the appointments was so Miami County has a voice on the Transportation Policy Committee to advocate for projects in Miami County.

Commissioner Scruggs announced the meeting for the Spring Farm Tour on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025, located at 2945 Pleasant Valley Rd (Jane Markus residence). There could be two or more Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.



ATTEST:

Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk

George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman