

**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 November 5, 2025. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Laura Epp, County Clerk
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Absent: Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem

Visitors: Carol Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pretz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Diediker moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on October 29, 2025.
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- 25014-LS: Thompson - Grant of Easement Agreement (A25-11-065)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Williams, 28924 Chinkapin Lane, Paola, reminded the Commission of the biblical citizenship class on Saturday in the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Williams asked how to get emblems of our heritage displayed back in government buildings? Chairman Pretz replied we will have our County Administrator contact our County Counselor. Ms. Williams asked if the county is going to do anything for the 250-year celebration. Chairman Pretz replied not of which I am aware.

ACTION AGENDA

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to sign the letter of support. Mr. Krull said Allen Regional Transit (ART) is requesting a letter of support for their Section 5311 General Public Transportation Grant application. ART has stepped forward to assume operations and champion the continuation of public transit, as the Paola Senior Center will cease operations on June 30, 2026. Commissioner Vickrey said this morning's discussion was encouraging and he appreciates their attitude taking on Miami County's needs. Commissioner Scruggs moved to approve the letter of support, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

APPLICATIONS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, stated there was a Cereal Malt Beverage License for We B Smokin, Inc., 32580 Airport Rd in Valley Township, Paola, KS. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, said we had our election yesterday on the 2025 City/School General Election. We had 13 polling locations open. Ms. Epp expressed her appreciation for the partnerships in welcoming our office and the community with a space for our citizens the opportunity to vote. We have 125 poll workers, who are people from the public coming in, committing their time, and making sure the process is done with transparency and accuracy. It takes months of preparation work before an election, and we still have a lot of work after the election to finalize the numbers. Canvass is November 17, 2025, at 9:00 am. If any of the

Commissioners are not able to be there as the Board of Canvasser, we ask you to appoint a proxy and let our office know prior to the Monday before Canvass. With the turn out on the votes we had 5632 casted and recorded votes which is a 21.6 percent turnout. 74 of those votes are provisional which is about a one percent response of provisional voters. All the unofficial results are posted on the website. The results will be certified and official on November 17, 2025, after Canvass. Chairman Pretz thanked Ms. Epp for the report and said it sounds like it went well. Chairman also thanked her team. Ms. Epp thanked Road and Bridge and the Sheriff's Office for their support in the elections. Road and Bridge for their help with deployment and picking up the equipment, and the Sheriff's Office for security, going around to all the poling locations and the follow through. Chairman Pretz said it takes a large team to celebrate America every day.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



ATTEST:

Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk

George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman