

**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 12, 2025. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Kirk Ridgway, County Counselor
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 November 5, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- 25013-LS: Noll, Wayne, Lillian, Paul, & Aubrey Grant of Easement Agreement (**A25-11-066**)
- Letter of Support to Elizabeth Layton Center for Kansas Department of Transportation Grant

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

ACTION AGENDA

Resolution to cancel the December 10, 2025, meeting due to the 50th Annual Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Conference that will be held December 9–11, 2025. Three or more Miami County Commissioners will be attending the conference, resulting in a lack of quorum. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. (**R25-11-036**)

Sara Denney, Human Resources Director, requested the commission approve the 2025 discretionary bonuses for all active regular employees and elected officials to be paid on November 26, 2025. The total for the 2025 discretionary bonuses is \$214,596.00. Commissioner Diediker moved to pay out the discretionary bonuses, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denney, Human Resources Director, requested the commissioners approve the resolution designating the 2026 official county holidays. Ms. Denney said the proposed resolution designates the official county holiday schedule for the 2026 calendar year, based on the State of Kansas holiday schedule. The state has a floating holiday which we have Presidents Day off in place of the floating holiday. Non-emergency county offices will be closed to the public during these designated dates. Holidays include: New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1, 2026), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 19, 2026), Presidents' Day (Monday, February 16, 2026), Memorial Day (Monday, May 25, 2026), Juneteenth (Friday, June 19, 2026), Independence Day (Friday, July 3, 2026), Labor Day (Monday, September 7, 2026), Veterans Day (Wednesday, November 11, 2026), Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 26, 2026, and Friday, November 27, 2026), Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24, 2026), Christmas Day (Friday, December 25, 2026). Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous (**R25-11-037**)

Sara Denney, Human Resources Director, requested the commissioners approve the resolution establishing the 2026 elected official salaries. Ms. Denney said the 2026 elected official salaries reflect a 4.0% budgeted increase from 2025 salaries, effective December 27, 2025. Commissioner Scruggs asked Ms. Denney if she has broken out Commissioners versus other elected positions? Are they always grouped into one? Ms.

Denney replied the resolution separates the different salaries for all the different positions. The Commissioners had a discussion on the pay raise for the Commissioners. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. (R25-11-038)

APPLICATIONS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, requested the Commissioners to approve the Chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Huskies Food Mart, 24595 Old KC Road in Marysville Township, Hillsdale, 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, announced canvass is Monday, November 17, 2025, at 9:00 am. Sydney Ming, Assistant Finance Director, will be Commissioner Vickrey's proxy. If any of the Commissioners have something come up, you need to let Wendy Newton, Election Specialist, know before Monday, that would be appreciated.

Laura Epp, County Clerk, said the 2025 tax statements will go out on Friday. We ask the public to wait until December 1, 2025, if you do not receive your tax statement before calling in to give the mail carriers time to deliver them. The online portal is set up on the website. You can view your statements and make payments through that portal.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan asked Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director about the cost of flashing speed limit signs and the process. Mr. Sandberg answered he does not have a cost but can find out and get back with the Commission.

Commissioner Vickrey said Rose Guetterman, sent a thank you for work on 223rd. He has heard from other residents, and they are thankful for the work that was done on 223rd and on Metcalf. It looks great and hopefully our drivers will be careful on those roads.

Commissioner Scruggs said he met with Miami County Spring Farm Tour last Wednesday. They had some requests. They are asking to get access to the farm tour website that is on the county's website and would like to get a mailing list. They would like some minor support monetary wise to help pay for the farm tour and flyers. The Farm Tour Committee would like to come talk about some of their issues. Commissioner Scruggs asked Shane Krull, County Administrator to put this matter on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Exception Executive for 30 minutes. beginning at 1:17 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Counselor and 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 1:47p.m.

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Personnel Exception Executive Session to discuss for 15 minutes beginning at 1:50 p.m. to include the Commissioners. 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 2:05 p.m.

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Personnel Exception Executive Session to discuss for 15 minutes beginning at 2:06 p.m. to include the Commissioners and 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 2:21 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.



George Pretz

George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Laura Epp

Laura Epp, County Clerk