

**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 26, 2025. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Stacey Weaver, Deputy Clerk
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist
W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	

Visitors: Jerry weaver, Shay Hanyasak, Bill Osborn, John Maddock

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 19, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Approve the Board of Canvass minutes of November 17, 2025
- Add-on: Action Agenda number 5 response plan for tax statements for USD 3622nd

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

Tyler moved amended Motion to also add

- Add-on: Action Agenda number 6- Haystaq DNA Contract discussion

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Graue, 4853 M 351st St., Louisburg said he came here in August regarding the landscaping being destroyed by the Miami County road crew. The trees were stripped and asked why his property was picked. He said he came here today to let the Commissioners know nothing has been done to alleviate the problem he has.

Mr. Graue also talked about how his house payment increased \$800.00 per year due to property taxes. He said there is a problem with taxation in the county. He talked about a property tax plan he mentioned in the past for the commissioners to consider. Mr. Graue said development in Miami County is not close to what it is in other counties. The increase in development and economic health can keep the taxes off of the people. He also said Happy Thanksgiving to all.

John Maddock, 16030 W. 311th Street, Paola, said he was there as a taxpayer but also the Vice Chair of the Miami County Republican Party. He spoke about redistricting and how he feels it is a simple problem to address. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ACTION AGENDA

Matthew Kelly, Undersheriff, requested the Commissioners to approve the purchase of laptop computers for the Sheriff's Office using 911 funds. Mr. Kelly said the current laptops are outdated and cannot be upgraded to Windows 11. The 911 fund has \$411,466.32. the cost for the computers, mounts, and cables is \$182,837.20. Commissioner Pretz asked if the price includes install? Mr. Kelly answered installation will be completed in house. There will be a small fee through Net Standard to install the software. If Getac can mirror the computers, then there will not be a cost to install the software. Chairman Pretz asked if there will be revenue from the current equipment? We can sell the old equipment to put money back into the tech fund. Commissioner Vickrey asked if there is an annual fee? Mr. Kelly answered it is a onetime cost. Commissioner Scruggs asked if we checked with several vendors? Mr. Kelly answered we checked with four

different vendors. Commissioner Vaughan asked if the current mounts can be used? Mr. Kelly answered no, the new laptops are bigger. Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator, said that the 911 fund comes from the fees that are on your cell phone bill and is not county tax dollars. This fund is limited on what can be purchased. It must be spent for 911 dispatch related activities. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve the purchase with Multiplicity Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Eric Sandberg, Road and Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners approval of the yearly Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Sandberg said the annual review of the Lake Region's Solid Waste Management Plan, as required by Kansas administrative Regulations 28-29-80. The plan was approved by the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority Board during the quarterly meeting on October 16th, 2025, in accordance with K.S.A. 65-3405. Commissioner Pretz thanked Shay Hanysack for her help in this endeavor; she does her job well; appreciate her efforts. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Diediker moved to appoint Bonnie "Rob" Roberts to serve on the East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation (EKAN) Board beginning January 1, 2026, for a two-year term, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Sydney Ming, Assistant Finance Director requested the Commissioners to Award Risk Management Services 2025-13-RFP for Miami County's Workers' Compensation. Ms. Ming said we talked about this in length over the last two months. Last week the Commission's prior motion was set aside, so after further discussion we ask the Commission to award the Risk Management Services. Chairman Pretz spoke about a statement he put together, filed it with the Clerk and gave to the staff. He offered a copy to anyone in the audience. We have used KWORCC's services for 33 years. Commissioner Vaughan asked if Elliot has started the work of implementing the work Compensation? He restated the major point is we got rid of the Economic Development Department. It makes no sense to not use a local firm that has 22 employees in Miami County. It makes it well worth the difference in \$6,000.00-\$10,000.00 in premium to pay our own people. He is disappointed in the way KWORCC handled the RFP, he feels showed lack of professionalism. Also feels the way they approached our company, our Miami County People, was disrespectful. Commissioner Pretz said they won the bid, had excellent past performance. Commissioner Scruggs said he originally voted for Elliot, I did not like the process, the character assassination, insinuating that Elliot did unethical things. I am changing my vote. I cannot, after opening ourselves up to litigation because the Commission did not follow the process. Commissioner Diediker moved to award Workers' Compensation to KWORCC, Commissioner Pretz seconded; after a roll call the motion carried 3 to 2; three in favor and Commission Vickrey and Commissioner Vaughan opposing.

Chairman Pretz said the response plan for tax statements for USD 362 is a four-step plan. 1. Amend the mill levy sheet and publish for three weeks as required by statute. 2. Send out a notice to taxpayers explaining the error and expect a supplemental statement in early January. 3. Send out a supplement tax statement around or on January 9, 2026, along with a reminder of the initial miscalculation. 4. We will be tracking necessary costs and pursuing reimbursement by Linn County. Commissioner Vickrey asked if we have not heard from Linn County and asked if we could attach their Bond if they deny payment? Shane Krull, County Administrator, said we would have to pursue that with our County Counselor. Commissioner Vickrey said this was a mistake Linn County made. Chairman Pretz said it was not a mistake from Miami County's process. Commissioner Vickrey moved to follow the course of plan of action, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Haystack DNA discussion. Shane Krull, County Administrator, Miami County Commission in January 2021 established the commission districts based off of the 2019 census. In December 2022, the commission reviewed as required by K.S.A. 19-204 every three years to make sure the districts still fit within the

parameters. It was determined the districts was at 9.22 %, we were in the plus or minus, so it was determined to stay with districts as they were. In 2025, which is in the three-year window to review per statute, the information we received from the Secretary of State Office on July 1, 2025, was based on the census in 2024. The population between the largest district number four and the smallest district number five there is more than a ten percent difference. To hear the full discussion please watch the meeting at

<https://miamicoks.portal.civicclerk.com/event/866/media>. Chairman Pretz clarified the commission districts are divided by population. The latest information we can get access to is the 2020 census. Commissioner Vickrey asked Mr. Krull if he would write the Request for Proposal (RFP)? Mr. Krull replied to that, the Commissioners will need to write up the RFP and he would help them put it together. Chairman Pretz asked Mr. Krull if there would be any ramifications on breaking the present contract? Mr. Krull replied we would need to pay them out hourly on the work they have done. Commissioner Diediker motioned to stop the contract with Haystaq, pay them what the county owes and put out to see if we can do this in-house or out to bid for redistricting, Commissioner Scruggs seconded. After further discussion Lucas Mellinger asked if we were going out for and RFP – Request for Proposal or Sealed Bids. Commissioner Diediker amended the motioned to stop the contract with Haystaq, pay them what the county owes and put out a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualifications bidders including internal, Commissioner Scruggs seconded, the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Pretz assigned Commissioner Vaughan and Commissioner Scruggs to put a Request for Proposals together. Commissioner voted on the amended motion. The motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

APPLICATIONS

Stacey Weaver, Deputy Clerk, requested the Chairman sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Night Hawk Vineyard and Winery, LLC located 16381 W. 343rd St. in Valley Township, Paola, Kansas. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

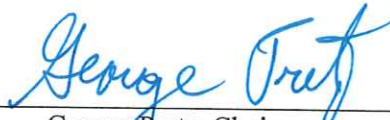
Commissioner Vickrey wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Chairman Pretz wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the Taxpayers of Miami County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

(Seal)


George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk

