

**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 December 22, 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	

Visitors: R.T. Wagner, Parker Staats, Chris Tidd, Brandon Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pretz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on December 17, 2025
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Add-On: to the Consent Agenda- Order of Correction of Irregularities

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Tidd, 21455 W 239th, Spring Hill, addressed the Board regarding difficulties obtaining a building permit for a shop to be placed on his property, including general contractor requirements and engineering concerns. Commissioner Vaughan asked whether site plans and engineered drawings had been submitted and communicated to the County, which Mr. Tidd confirmed. Commissioner Vaughan stated he would follow up with Shane Krull, County Administrator, and suggested a meeting with Mr. Krull, Mr. Tidd, and Jason Leadbetter, Code Services Director, to discuss the project. Commissioner Scruggs noted that similar concerns have been raised on other projects regarding when requirements are communicated. Commissioner Vickrey asked when the requirement prohibiting an owner from serving as general contractor on commercial buildings was established. Mr. Krull responded that the requirement has been in place since the mid-1990s and noted that owners may serve as their own general contractor on residential projects but not on commercial projects.

ACTION AGENDA

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Chairman to sign the time extension request for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Miami County Sewer 23-PF-003. Mr. Krull said we have extended the CDBG funding we received for approximately \$307,000.00 for the Bucyrus Sewer project on two separate occasions. The government shutdown delayed the start of the project. The contractor will start on January 5, 2026. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. (A25-12-077)

(REF: A24-03-012)

APPLICATIONS

Laura Epp, Deputy Clerk, requested the Chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Speedy Corner Paola LLC, located 2550 Old KC Rd, Hillsdale, Kansas. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator, provided the Commissioners a schedule of budgeted transfers and outstanding encumbrances for review. He noted one encumbrance related to the Courthouse cabling project was not included due to time constraints and stated the information was provided in advance to allow review prior to final decisions. Mr. Mellinger indicated that the final determinations on fund transfers would be made at the December 31, 2025, meeting.

Commissioner Vickrey referenced public concerns regarding the cost of the Courthouse cabling project and asked whether additional bids were obtained. Mr. Mellinger responded that the District Court Clerk selected Net Standard to consolidate cabling, server, and switch services as Net Standard manages their server. He further noted that the scope included more than cabling alone and the Courthouse construction presents additional challenges due to wall composition. Commissioner Vickrey stated the Board's standard practice is to not take action on items presented the same day and suggested allowing additional time for review prior to approval in the future.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, expressed appreciation to the Commission for approving holiday schedule modifications as the change was well received.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Pretz stated the Board would need to discuss selection of the next Chairperson and Pro-Tem. Commissioner Vaughan said the Chairman position is usually a two-year term and suggested Chairman Pretz serve as Chairman one more year. The other Commissioners were all supportive. Chairman Pretz said it is an honor and a privilege and indicated his willingness to continue serving.

Commissioner Vickrey commented on ongoing discussions regarding commercial growth and efforts to reduce the burden on the taxpayers. He spoke about concerns around the accommodations and allowances for development and growth in Miami County.

Commissioner Scruggs inquired about the availability of commercial development maps identifying industrial property. Shane Krull, County Administrator, responded that certified information is available through the Kansas Department of Commerce. Otherwise, the individual cities would need to be contacted additional information. The county does not maintain such a map.

Commissioner Diediker extended greetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and hopes to start out next year a little calmer.

Commissioner Vaughan commented on concerns about Codes and Planning.

Chairman Pretz announced the resignation of Peter Peuser from the Planning Commission. Chairman Pretz motioned to appoint Jeff Oliver to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Pretz announced Miami County is hosting the City/County Summit Meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The Commissioners discussed the program. Shane Krull, County Administrator, said Miami County's consultant will be present in early January.

Chairman Pretz commented on redistricting and stated he would like the topic of redistricting to be on the Study Session agenda next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Personnel Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)a) Executive Session for 15 minutes beginning at 11:40 a.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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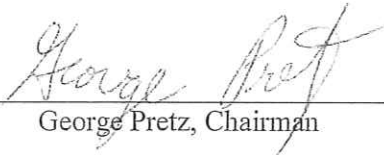
Commissioner Vaughan moved to have a Personnel Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)a) Executive Session for 10 minutes beginning at 11:57 a.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Following the executive session, Chairman Pretz announced Shane Krull, County Administrator, has submitted notice of his retirement effective January 8, 2027. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the advanced notice and for Mr. Krull's service to Miami County.

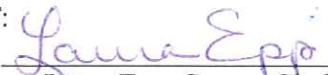
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk