

**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 31, 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

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 December 22, 2025
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers and payroll

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

ACTION AGENDA

Lucas Mellinger, Assistant County Administrator, requested approval of the year-end encumbrance list and the budgeted and non-budgeted transfers. Mr. Mellinger explained that any General Fund balance above five million dollars remaining in tax reserves would be transferred to the Economic Development Reserve. Commissioner Vaughan asked if the estimated transfer amount was \$250,000.00. Mr. Mellinger responded that the estimate was between \$200,000.00 and just under \$250,000.00. Commissioner Scruggs asked what the total would be for Economic Development Reserve? Mr. Mellinger stated it would be approximately \$750,000.00. Commissioner Vickrey asked whether the General Fund balance would be approximately eighteen percent after the transfer; Mr. Mellinger confirmed that it would. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan thanked the staff at Miami County and the Commissioners. He is optimistic for 2026.

Commissioner Diediker requested the Commission to consider inviting Rural Water Districts No. 1 and No. 2 to the City/County meeting scheduled for January 28, 2026, to discuss future upgrades. He also suggested that Economic Development funds may be available to assist with those efforts.

Commissioner Vickrey expressed appreciation for a pleasant Christmas and extended well wishes for a Happy New Year.

Chairman Pretz motioned to appoint Shane Hall to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

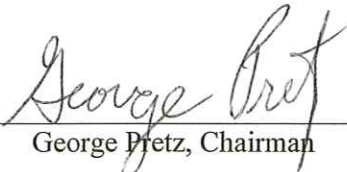
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk