

**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 January 14, 2026. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Laura Epp, County Clerk
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist
Paul Scruggs, Commissioner	
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 January 7, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers and payroll

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

ACTION AGENDA

Authorize Road and Bridge to purchase a used 2008 Sterling tandem axle dump truck from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for \$14,750.00. Chairman Pretz stated this item was discussed at length during the Study Session. Miami County had a dump truck that was totaled and needs to be replaced immediately. Staff completed a visual inspection and found the vehicle is acceptable. Commissioner Vickrey stated it is a great deal and has a snow blade on the front and an aluminum sander on the back. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve Road and Bridge to purchase the truck from KDOT; Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Select Chairperson for the year 2026. Commissioner Diediker moved to appoint Commissioner Pretz as Chairperson; Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Select Pro-Tem for the year 2026. Commissioner Vickrey moved to appoint Commissioner Vaughan as Pro-Tem; Commissioner Diediker seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated the County will receive \$65,000.00 from insurance for the dump truck that was totaled. Replacing the truck in the future will be expensive. Chairman Pretz stated he is thankful no one was hurt in the roll over.

Commissioner Scruggs stated there has been a lot of information regarding the Courthouse the last few weeks. Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, mentioned the County went through a three-phase process for the project on 223rd. Commissioner Scruggs asked why not go through the same process on the Courthouse and decide our options, noting that grants could come up during such process.

Commissioner Vaughan announced there could be two or more Commissioners present at the State Capital for Government Day on January 28, 2026.

Chairman Pretz announced there could be two or more Commissioners present at the County/City meeting that Miami County is hosting in the Sheriff's Community Room on January 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. We hope to have our regular County Commission meeting, which is normally at 1:00 p.m., at 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. It will be posted on the County website.

ADJOURNMENT

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



ATTEST:

Laura Epp

Laura Epp, County Clerk

[Signature]
George Pretz, Chairman

Kyle Vaughan Pro Tem