

**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 March 4, 2026. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Steve Graue

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 February 25-2026.
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers.
- Permanent Right-of-Way and Drainage Easement Purchase—Flanigan Family Trust (A26-03-011)
- Permanent Right-of-Way and Temporary Construction Easement—Nepstad Kahmann Family Revocable Trust (A26-03-012)
- Permanent Right-of-Way and Permanent Drainage Easement—James Andrew Waring Revocable Trust (A26-03-013)

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

ACTION AGENDA

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners table the resolution for a week to correct boundary lines establishing Commission Districts. Commissioner Pretz moved to table for one week, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, requested the Commissioners to authorize a rate increase for the ambulance fee schedule. Mr. Burrow stated the rate is increasing from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per mile. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

Sandra Lucas, County Appraiser, stated the Appraisers Office mailed the value notices. Our Miami County webpage explains the appeal processes and has a link to get the process started. Please see the full report on the 2026 Final values and percentage changes in the recorded meeting video available on the county's website <https://miamicoks.portal.civicclerk.com/event/880/media>. There is an issue with Beacon connecting to get the correct values onto their webpage, which is currently being worked on to get fixed. The values on the statements that were sent out came from in-house and are correct. We will have two public meetings on March 11, 2026, and March 18, 2026, in the Commission Chambers from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The new Tender assigned to the Fontana Fire Station is outside for a show and tell. Chairman Pretz announced there will be all five Commissioner present to look at the new Fontana Tender after the meeting adjourns.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, sated we had a busy couple of weeks with 83 incidents in Miami County. 24 of those calls have been grass fires, one house fire, a shed fire, a detached garage fire where Deputy Chief Ream and his crew along with Paola, Louisburg and Osawatomie fire departments

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the fire out; the new tender responded on its first call. We deployed a Brush Unit out of the Louisburg and Osawatomie Fire Departments to Chanute as part of the Kansas City Metro Wildland Task Force to help with the Southeast part of the state. We have had four grass fires in the new tandem area with Louisburg Fire Department and Overland Park fire Department; that is going well. In the northwest part of the county where Consolidated Johnson County #1 took over some of the Wellsville area, we had a couple of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls. From the time of call to EMS being on scene was thirteen minutes.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaughan announced there could be two or more Commissioners present at both Appraisers meetings on March 11, 2026, and March 18, 2026, in the Commissioner's Chambers at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Scruggs talked about a comment made in the Study Session about the equipment for end of life. He was surprised the County has not accrued or accounted for it. He asked if the commission can get a list of end of life equipment, costs and if there is grants that can help with costs. Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated he is hoping with switching software for the inventory process we can take the capital items and align them with our capital budget. We can forecast items one to five years, five to ten years, and ten plus years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2)a) Executive Session to discuss land planning for 20 minutes beginning at 1:26 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator, County Counselor, and The Planning Director. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk