

**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 April 8, 2026. Those present were:

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| George Pretz, Chairman        | Shane Krull, County Administrator          |
| Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem        | Kirk Ridgway, County Counselor             |
| Keith Diediker, Commissioner  | Laura Epp, County Clerk                    |
| Paul Scruggs, Commissioner    | Darcy Wilson, 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 motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows;

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission meeting on April 1, 2026
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Two Grant of Easement Agreement(s): 2026-009-LS Hamilton (**A26-04-020A & A26-04-020B**)
- Grant of Easement Agreement: 2026-010-LS: Oliver (**A26-04-021**)

Commissioner Diediker seconded. Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes.

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION**

Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunication Week, April 13-19, 2026. Undersheriff Matt Kelly and Dispatch Supervisor Rita Richmond appeared before the Commission and expressed appreciation for the recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunication Week. Undersheriff Matt Kelly stated, the Communication Center takes all 911 calls that come in. They dispatch all police, fire and coordinate with Emergency Management through Johnson County ECC. Last year, the Communications Center processed more than 78,000 calls, averaging approximately 216 calls per day. Staff work 12-hour shifts, typically with two to three personnel per shift. Undersheriff Kelly conveyed his appreciation for the Communications Center staff. Commissioner Diediker motioned to approve the proclamation as presented; seconded by Commissioner Vickrey. Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sydney Ming, Finance Director, requested approval for the 3-year renewal with OpenGov Asset Management Tool. OpenGov has a 5% annual increase on all of their products. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve the proclamation as presented; seconded by Commissioner Diediker. Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes.

Brandon Ream, EMS Deputy Chief requested approval for 2026-06-RFB Replacement of Support Vehicle bid. A purchase a 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder truck from Louisburg Ford, in the amount of \$47,354. Commissioner Scruggs expressed appreciation to Commissioner Vaughan for promoting local participation. Commissioner Vickrey motioned to approve as presented; seconded by Commissioner Diediker. Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes.

Director of Road and Bridge, Eric Sanberg requested Commission approval to award the bid for 2026-05-RFB – Road Oil for the 2026 Construction Season. Staff opened bids on April 2, 2026. One bid was received

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from Vance Brothers LLC. The bid included the following road oil agents: RS1-H, 75,000 gallons at \$2.29 per gallon, and SS1-H, 3,000 gallons at \$2.76 per gallon, for a total bid of \$180,030.00. Commissioner Diediker inquired how many miles would cover in 2026, Sandberg responded, 40 lane miles, 20 actual miles. Commissioner Diediker motioned to approve the bid as presented; Commissioner Vaughn seconded. Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes.

Director of Road and Bridge Eric Sanberg requested Commission approval to award the bid for 2026-04-RFB – Spraying of Noxious Weeds on County Right-of-Way (2026).

Staff opened bids on April 2, 2026. One bid was received from DeAngelo Contracting Services, LLC. The bid included the following rates: labor at \$85.00 per hour, with an additional operator (when applicable) also at \$85.00 per hour; 800-gallon spray tank at a minimum of \$40.00; and 1,000-gallon nurse tank at a minimum of \$55.00. This is an hourly contract. The contractor will be scheduled for two weeks during the early part of the year and an additional two weeks later in the year. The County will supply the necessary chemicals; however, the contractor has provided pricing should they need to supply chemicals if the County is unable to do so. Commissioner Diediker motioned to approve as presented; Commissioner Vaughn seconded; Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes.

Chairman Pretz presented a resolution canceling the County Commission meeting scheduled for April 22, 2026. The annual KCCA Conference will be held April 22–24, 2026, and canceling the meeting would allow Commissioners the opportunity to attend and fully participate. Commissioner Diediker moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Vaughn seconded; Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes

**(R26-04-14)**

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Laura Epp, County Clerk, spoke about the updates on redistricting. She clarified that Commissioner Districts 2, 3, 4, & 5 boundaries. Districts were reviewed and changed per K.S.A. 19-204. New precincts were created where splits occurred to Commissioner changes; however, precinct parts stayed intact, which was helpful on staff time. We have the shapefiles needed, they have been received and sent to the Secretary of State office. We have the KMZ files needed for Election Night. The official map representing Commission districts has been updated on the website and is live for the public. Newspaper publication in the Miami County Republic starts today and will run for 3 weeks. Our next step is to mail out postcards to the voters affected by this of their current voting districts with their updates. If you have any voters that are curious of any changes, they can always go to VoterView Kansas or visit our website for the link, they can go on to view their individual representation. She wanted to update about the polling location change for the Primary Election in August. This will affect all residents that report to MAC Steele Gym in Osawatomie. Mac Steel Gym will be undergoing some construction, so we are moving to Trojan Elementary School Gym in Osawatomie. An ADA Code Compliance check by our Zoning and completed. This notification to voters will be posted on our website and in the newspaper of this temporary change. Website updates for the County Clerk and Election Office are available with information for the upcoming elections. A list of open positions and a list of official candidates that have filed are on the website and being updated weekly. We Officially launched the “I Voted Sticker” contest, offering an opportunity to engage high school age students to participate in creating stickers for our upcoming elections for Miami County voters. Local high schools, libraries, and co-ops were sent information to share with eligible students.

## **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vickrey stated that it was a great Easter, best time of the year.

Commissioner Scruggs wanted to remind everyone that next Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 8:30am at Casa

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Somerset, Miami County Conservation is sponsoring and having their meeting, their topic is Agra Tourism. He invited all the commissioners and Kenneth Cook if he could put it in his schedule, because it will involve some of the issues with Agra Tourism and Zoning. Secondly, the Miami County Farm Tour is Mother's Day weekend on May 9<sup>th</sup>. They have their largest vendor participation to date he thinks they have 17 people on the farm. He said if you need fliers for businesses in their district to promote to let him know. He invited the commissioners to attend the Miami County Republican meeting, April 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. across from El Porto at that Baptist Church in Paola. He is speaking but would like to invite the other Commissioners to speak.

Chairman Pretz wanted to announce that there could be more than two commissioners at the state KCCA Conference, April 22 – 24, 2026, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz motioned for an Executive Session pertaining to Attorney-Client Privilege Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2)) Consultation with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for 20 minutes beginning at 1:25 p.m. to include a five-minute recess. Commissioners, County Counselor, County Administrator, Finance Director Sydney Ming, Sheriff Frank Kelly, Undersheriff Matt Kelly, and Captain Roush. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; Vote taken: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion passes. No Action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:46 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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



ATTEST:

Laura Epp  
Laura Epp, County Clerk

George Pretz  
George Pretz, Chairman