

**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 May 6, 2026. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Clara Cox, Dana Hawk, Linda Johnston, Rob Roberts, Brandi Lopez, Wes Cole, Phil Dixon

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 29, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers and payroll
- Resolution with UMB Bank Updating the Designated Officers (**R26-05-021**)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Johnston, 24821 Harmony Road, Paola, expressed concerns about a mailer from Mid America Regional Council (MARC). She presented the survey she received to the Commission. Ms. Johnson confirmed with Commissioner Vaughn that he serves as her Commissioner and the point person for MARC. Commissioner Vaughn acknowledged that he represents the county and attends the meetings. Commissioner Pretz requested that a copy of the survey be provided to each Commissioner for review. Commissioner Pretz also confirmed with Ms. Johnson that the Commission was not aware of the survey and had not authorized it.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – ECKAN Community Action Month. Brandi Lopez, Assistant Director of CSBG Operations for ECKAN in Ottawa, Clara Cox, ECKAN Head Start Director in Ottawa, and Dana Hawk, Head Start Program Operations Manager in Ottawa introduced themselves. Rob Roberts, ECKAN Board of Trustees Vice-President, Miami County Appointment, read the proclamation. Wes Cole, Board of Directors, Miami County Appointment, stated he has been with ECKAN for over 20 years and talked about ECKAN. Commissioner Diediker motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

Proclamation – National Day of Prayer. Commissioner Vickrey stated May 7, 2026, is the National Day of Prayer and read the proclamation. Commissioner Vickrey motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

Proclamation – National Law Enforcement Week. Sheriff Frank Kelly thanked the Commissioners for acknowledging National Law Enforcement Week. He stated that it is a time of remembrance, reflection, and gratitude for the law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as for those who continue to serve. President Kennedy signed an Executive Order in 1962 making May 15th a Memorial Day for law enforcement. Sheriff Kelly announced the Sheriff's Office will have their service on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. on the westside of the Miami County Sheriff's Office and invited all the Commissioners to be there. Commissioner Scruggs motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

ACTION AGENDA

Thomas Toler, Information Systems Administrator, requested the Commissioners to authorize staff to purchase Microsoft Business Premium. Mr. Toler presented the annual Microsoft 365 licensing costs for email, security, and domain services, as well as the request for additional licenses. Microsoft is increasing the annual cost of the County's current Microsoft Entra P1 and Microsoft 365 Business Standard licenses from \$55,000 to \$63,000 per year. Thomas recommended upgrading to Microsoft Business Premium at an annual cost of \$66,000. The upgrade would add key security and device management features currently unavailable to the County, including Intune services for managing mobile devices, iOS devices, and other county equipment. The upgrade would also provide Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR), an industry-standard security tool that would improve the County's overall security posture and support data compliance requirements. In addition, K.S.A. 50-6,139b requires the proper destruction and protection of personally identifiable information. Intune and EDR services would provide the County with greater visibility, management, and protection of devices and data to help ensure compliance with Kansas law and safeguard citizens' personal information. The cost is going from \$55,000.00 per year to \$63,000.00 per year. With the additional licenses to Microsoft Business Premium for \$3000.00 the total cost is \$66,000.00 per year. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to sign a resolution to place a special question on the ballot. Mr. Krull stated area businesses have approached the Commissioners over the last year or two to have this ballot question go out to the community to rescind the thirty percent food requirement on alcohol sales at establishments. The County Counselor has prepared a resolution for Miami County. The question would go on the November ballot. If it passes it will replace what was put in place on November 4, 1986, approving the sale of alcoholic liquor by the individual drink in public places where at least thirty percent (30%) of the gross receipts are from the sale of food for consumption on the premises, and such sale is prohibited in all other places. Across the state, 51 counties have the thirty percent food sales requirement and 54 counties do not. The counties surrounding Miami County do not have the requirement. Commissioner Vaughan stated with the Commission taking on more economic development responsibilities this gives the cities and businesses that are interested in Miami County a better opportunity. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes. **(R26-05-022)**

Sara Denney, Human Resources Director, requested that the Commission approve the quote from the AED Authority for ten (10) LIFEPAK CR2 USB AEDs at a cost of \$1,259.00 per unit. It is further requested that the Commission approve the concierge contract extension with the AED Authority until July 2030. Ms. Denney stated Miami County currently maintains ten (10) LIFEPAK CR Plus Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units deployed across county facilities, including the Administration Building (3), Courthouse (3), Road & Bridge Department (2), Health Department (1), and Community Corrections (1). These devices are no longer supported by the manufacturer and must be replaced to ensure continued reliability and compliance with emergency response standards. EMS has recommended replacing the outdated units with LIFEPAK CR2 USB AEDs. Three vendor quotes were obtained for the replacement of the ten devices. The AED Authority submitted the lowest bid at \$1,259.00 per unit, along with a \$250.00 manufacturer rebate per device for the end-of-life LIFEPAK CR Plus units. The total is \$12,590.00 with a \$2,500.00 rebate from the manufacturer. In addition, the AED Authority has offered to extend Miami County's existing AED concierge contract at no additional cost. This program replaces expiring pads and batteries. The contract, which expires in January 2029, would be extended through July 2030. The concierge service includes ongoing tracking and automatic replacement of expiring batteries and pads for all AED devices. This extension is significant because the current AED batteries and pads are on a two-year

replacement cycle, while the LIFEPAK CR2 units utilize a four-year replacement cycle. Without the contract extension, the next scheduled replacement would fall outside the current contract term. Miami County will get a full replacement for a savings of \$550.00 per unit totaling \$5,500.00. Commissioner Pretz motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes. (C26-05-001)

Matthew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, requests the Commission to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the proposal with Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$13,410.00. Mr. Oehlert stated phase one and phase two environmental site assessment have been completed. Phase two with five boring samples and eight soil samples produced findings showing higher than normal levels than Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates of dichlorophene, benzene, and tetrachloroethane. Professional Environmental proposes completing two separate indoor air sampling events at the Courthouse building only. The first sampling event will be conducted approximately two weeks of receiving authorization from Miami County to proceed with this work; the second sampling event will be conducted approximately six to eight months from the first sampling event (during winter when the building's heating system is being operated). Further, both sampling events will be conducted after hours when the building is closed and little to no occupants are present. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Scruggs seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes. (A26-05-025) (Ref: A25-07-040)

STAFF COMMENTS

Kenny Cook, Planning Director, gave the Commission an update on the tire clean up project in the Hillsdale area. There were approximately 2350 tires on the site that was cleaned up costing \$14,435.00 that was covered by Kansas Department of Health (KDHE) with the orphan tire program.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Diediker announced he will not be at next week's May 13, 2026, meeting.

Commissioner Vickrey, stated today is the anniversary of his daughter's passing.

Commissioner Scruggs announced this weekend Saturday, May 9, 2026, and Sunday, May 10, 2026, is the Miami County Spring Farm Tour. There are 17 vendors.

Chairman Pretz announced there could be two or more commissioners present at the Sheriff's Memorial Service on Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Miami County Sheriff's Office at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Pretz announced the Commission will be meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, and Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. through the afternoon for budget meetings with various departments. We will have two full days, won't get finished but will get a lot behind them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Attorney-Client Privilege Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) Executive Session to discuss a Planning and Zoning for 20 minutes beginning at 1:45 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, County Counselor, and the Planning Director in the Commissioners private chambers. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Following the executive session, Commissioner Scruggs motioned to reconsider the Observatory Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The matter will be reconsidered at the May 20, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting at 1:00 p.m. Staff will send notification letters regarding the Observatory CUP to the Observatory and to property owners within 1,000 feet of the property. There will be no public hearing, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote was taken: 4 in favor 1 opposed (Commissioner Diediker), the motion passes.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk