

**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 13, 2026. Those present were:

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

Absent: Keith Diediker, Commissioner

Visitors: Jeff Axmann, Lisa Hilf, Clayton Richardson

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 May 6, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers
- Approval of updated minutes of the County Commission Meeting on April 15, 2026

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, vote taken: 4 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Axmann, 2378 W. 359th, Louisburg, addressed the Commission regarding the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2026-001. Mr. Axmann expressed concerns in regard to comments and actions of Commissioner Scruggs made on April 29, 2026 and May 6, 2026 regarding the CUP.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 17, 2026 – May 23, 2026. Chairman Pretz read the proclamation. Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, thanked the Commission for the proclamation then gave credit and gratitude to the staff. Chairman Pretz motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; vote taken: 4 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

ACTION AGENDA

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider signing the Interagency Agreement Title IV-E FCLR. Mr. Krull summarized the Interagency agreement. Miami County has routinely provided contractual legal representation for Child in Need of Care (CINC) cases. The first quarter in 2026 Miami County has extended \$27,288.00 in providing legal representation for 33 CINC children in Kansas Department of Children and Family (DCF) custody and 14 children not in DCF custody. Entering this agreement and acceptance by the state will allow Miami County to receive 11.5 percent reimbursement. Historically Miami County would receive roughly \$11,000.00 to \$14,000.00 each quarter if all expenses are accepted. Mr. Krull thanked Stephanie Gerken, District Court Clerk, for all the assistance she provided with this agreement and Honorable Amy Harth, Chief Administrative Judge, for her assistance for getting Miami County to this point. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 4 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes. (A26-05-027)

APPLICATIONS

Stacey Weaver, Deputy Clerk, requested the Commissioners approve Special Event Permit requested by WR Horse and Cattle, LLC, located at 22504 State Line Road, Bucyrus between June 1, 2026, through July 23, 2026. Ms. Weaver stated that WR Horse and Cattle, LLC met all requirements including the appropriate

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bonds, liability insurance and signatures from the required Miami County Departments. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 4 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Scruggs responded to Mr. Axmann's comments and questions.

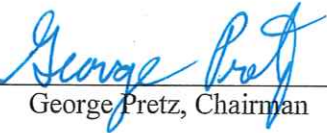
Commissioner Vaughan announced Earls Coffee Company in Bucyrus is having a Grand Opening on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and encourage everyone to go and support them.

Chairman Pretz announced all five Commissioners 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.

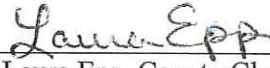
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk