

**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 27, 2026. Those present were:

George Pretz, Chairman

Laura Epp, County Clerk

Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem

Cari Foster, Operation Support Specialist

Keith Diediker, Commissioner

Paul Scruggs, Commissioner

W. Jene Vickrey, Commissioner

Visitors: Rob Goetz, Jennifer Harp

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 20, 2026.
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers
- 2026-002-SUB: Rising Phoenix Farm
- Order of Correction of Irregularities

Commissioner Diediker seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed.

ACTION AGENDA

Jeff Joseph, Assistant Planning Director, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit 2026-003-CUP: (STC Towers) Verizon Communication Tower based on the Planning Commission's findings. Mr. Joseph stated the Conditional Use Permit is for a 330-foot-tall communications tower, including ground-based equipment compound located within a 100' x 100' leased compound area with 25' access easement. The subject tract is approximately 80 acres located adjacent to 231st and Pleasant Valley Road, I-35 is west of the property. Staff recommended condition number three (screening be done with a privacy fence or landscaping). Planning Commission preferred a chain link fence with slats. The Planning Commission voted 7-0 in favor. There was no one present at the public hearing. Chairman Pretz asked if regulations allow towers along a major highway? Mr. Joseph answered yes. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve the CUP and resolution, Commissioner Diediker seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed. **(R26-05-025)**

STAFF COMMENTS

County Clerk, Laura Epp announced the filing deadline is Monday, June 1, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Pat Campbell, Noxious Weed Supervisor, talked about additional noxious weeds that the State of Kansas added last Friday, May 22, 2026, that Miami County is needing to tackle. Mr. Campbell urged citizens not to plant the unsolicited seeds that are being put in mailboxes but to double bag them and throw them away or turn them into to Mr. Campbell.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11p.m.



ATTEST:

Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk

George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman