

**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 June 3, 2026. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Michael Wyse

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 27, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers and payroll
- Letter of Support for Spring Hill's Federal Railroad Administration Grant Application.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Kansas Business Appreciation Month. Commissioner Vaughan stated the Board of County Commission fully support businesses in Kansas and especially in Miami County. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes.

STAFF COMMENTS

Sandra Lucas, County Appraiser gave a report on certification.

Clerk, Laura Epp stated the candidate filing period for the 2026 election cycle has concluded. Our office is currently reviewing and verifying candidate filings and preparing the official candidate list for certification.

The unofficial candidate list for the Primary 2026 has been posted to the Election website.

Military and overseas (UOCAVA) ballots for the 2026 Primary Election are scheduled to be transmitted beginning June 18, 2026, in accordance with federal and state requirements.

The 2026 "I Voted in Miami County" Sticker Contest has been narrowed to the top five finalist designs. Final judging is underway, and the winning design will be presented for recognition in July. The winning design will be the stickers handed out for the Primary and General Elections this year. The Clerk's Office was pleased with the outpouring of submissions from the students.

Late evening June 2, 2026, our office received notification regarding the Secretary of State's Election Security Grant Program. Our office will review the award materials and project requirements and will provide the Board with a detailed update via email once the review is complete.

Staff continue preparation for the 2026 Primary Election while maintaining daily Clerk's Office operations and statutory responsibilities.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey announced his retirement and expressed his gratitude.

Commissioner Scruggs expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Vickrey.

Commissioner Diediker expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Vickrey.

Commissioner Diediker stated Road and Bridge is working hard to meet the public's needs with limited resources and asked for the public's patience.

Commissioner Vaughan thanked Commissioner Vickrey for his service to the County and the State.

Chairman Pretz thanked Commissioner Vickrey for his service.

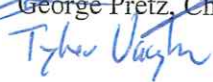
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Vaughan moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319 (a)) Executive Session in the Commissioners Private chambers for 20 minutes beginning at 1:15 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, County Counselor. Commissioner Scruggs seconded; the voter was taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passes. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:35 p.m.

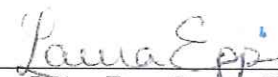
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman


ATTEST:



Laura Epp, County Clerk