

**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 September 8, 2021. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Casey d'Augereau, Clerk Support Assistant
George Pretz, Commissioner	

News: Doug Carder, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Jason Osterhaus, Renee Slinkard, Derrick Mein, Diana Mein, Jennifer Williams, Dennis Koch

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission meeting on September 1, 2021
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Grant of Easement: 21029-LS Patrick, LLC (**A21-09-048**)
- Grant of Easement: 21030-LS Weaver (Trust) (**A21-09-049**)
- Add-on: Proclamation proclaiming September 17-23, 2021, Constitution Week

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Roberts stated it is always the Commissioners pleasure to set aside time to recognize our great nation's Constitution. Chairman Roberts invited Renee Slinkard to speak. Renee Slinkard, Daughters of the Revolution, thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to speak. Ms. Slinkard stated the United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land. We will commemorate 234 years of this document on September 17th. It establishes the basic structure of the federal government and laws for the government to abide by. These laws are known as the Bill of Rights which is the founding fathers first ten amendments in the constitution. In 1955 the Daughters of American Revolution petitioned congress to create a resolution to observe the constitution the week of September 17th thru the 23rd, it was passed unanimously by congress. On August 2nd, 1956, President Eisenhower signed into Public Law 915 to be observed annually on September 17th – 23rd. Ms. Slinkard would like for everyone to commemorate the Constitution by flying their flags.

Commissioner Pretz moved to proclaim September 17th thru September 23rd as Constitution week; Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider rejecting Bid Numbers 2021-001 (One-ton truck; Asphalt Crew) and 2021-002 (One-ton Truck; Sign Crew) and resubmit for new bids 2021-019 and 2021-020. There were no bidders on these items earlier this year due to shortages and a lack of pricing. The Road & Bridge Department has contacted all the local dealers and has been assured they have the ability to price both trucks. Commissioner Dixon moved to reject the original bid numbers 2021-001 & 2021-020 and to resubmit new bids 2021-019 & 2021-020, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider the appointment of a voting delegate and two alternate voting delegates to represent Miami County (MICO) at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Conference Event at Overland Park to be held on October 18th – 20th, 2021. Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Commissioner Vaughan as the voting delegate and Chairman Roberts and Commissioner Gallagher as the two alternate voting delegates to represent MICO at the KAC Conference, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider the appointment of a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to represent MICO at the KWORCC Conference Event at Overland Park to be held on October 18, 2021. Commissioner Roberts moved to appoint Chairman Roberts as the voting delegate and Commissioner Vaughan as the alternate voting delegate to represent MICO at the KWORCC Conference, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Vaughan moved to re-elect Chairman Rob Roberts to the KWORCC Board of Trustees for the Southeast District, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider the appointment of a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to represent MICO at the KCAMP annual meeting in Overland Park on October 18, 2021. Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Chairman Roberts as the voting delegate and Commissioner Vaughan as the alternate voting delegate to represent MICO at the KCAMP annual meeting in Overland Park, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Jim Starling, Building & Grounds Director, stated the 30-day deadline for accepting bids expired by 1 day for the Miami County Health Department (MCHD) generator. Original agreement, A21-09-046, was approved in the Board of County Commissioners meeting on September 1, 2021, in the amount of \$70,685. Mr. Starling is requesting the Commissioners to authorize an additional \$6,500 for the purchase of the generator making the total \$77,185. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the additional \$6,500 for the purchase and installing of the MCHD generator, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A21-09-050)

Shane Krull, Administrator, stated the Commissioners are aware of a bid for property and liability insurance with that process we had a request for workers comp. There was an error of notification with the incumbent and the correct process will be to submit a repeal for workers comp. The plan is for the county to circle back around next year for a more formal process. Commissioner Pretz questioned if the county will continue through the year with the current policy. Mr. Krull stated yes.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a handout showing updates on COVID-19 with the following:

- Total Cases as of September 8th is 3,660 which is an increase of 217 since last Wednesday
 - Currently 245 active cases per Miami County Health Department (MCHD) which is a 10.28% positivity rate for the last 2 weeks
- Two new deaths since last Wednesday for a total of 51
- Five new hospitalizations including 1 in ICU
- 4-5 active school related clusters and four non-school related clusters
- MCHD and the pharmacies are noticing a trifold in testing
- KHDE shows a shortage of test kits
- Olathe Health Clinics are averaging a 3-4 hour wait time just to see a doctor
- MCHD is dealing with three hundred – four hundred phone calls per day. This includes incoming and outgoing.
 - Only trained individuals are able to answer COVID related questions.
 - 40 – 60 unanswered voice messages per day due to the number of incoming calls
- MCHD is completing approximately 10% of their new case contact tracing due to the number of calls and emails
- They have put out a request to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for help

Commissioner Dixon questioned the percentage of children under 18 years of age with COVID. Mr. Whelan stated approximately 35% of the active COVID cases are children. Commissioner Dixon questioned if the booster shot will still be available by the end of the month. Mr. Whelan stated the Feds are still saying by end of September, but there has been a lot of push back by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Chairman Roberts suggested getting extra help answering the phones as we did in the earlier times of COVID. Mr. Krull stated he is looking into a new phone system for MCHD to help out with some of the phone issues. Chairman Roberts stated the Commissioners want to provide help to MCHD.

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Teresa Reeves, Planning Director, stated the Planning Commission Board meet last night (September 7, 2021) and approved two small subdivision plats. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Living Proof expansion; and will be coming to the Commission for approval on September 29th. Chairman Roberts stated the last time there was a CUP expansion for Living Proof the site plan was inaccurate. Chairman Roberts requested that the site plan be complete and accurate before bringing to the Commissioners. Chairman Roberts asked if the site plan issues have been resolved. Ms. Reeves stated they have not been resolved yet.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated he has a letter he is requesting the Commissioners approval to sign and mail to American Library Association for Osawatomie Public Library in support of the Libraries Transforming Communities grant application. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve signing and sending the letter into American Library Association for Home Bound and Young Adults, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pretz stated he has received numerous complaints against the DMV queue system and would like for the County Administrator and perhaps the County Chair to ask our Treasurer to take another look at the queue. Commissioner Pretz believes there is room for improvement. Chairman Roberts stated he agrees with Commissioner Pretz and requested Mr. Krull to contact Jenny Fyock, Treasurer, to setup a work study conversation. Mr. Krull stated he and Ms. Fyock have spoken about this issue and there is a product currently or in the near future of being used by Saline and Potawatomi County that is believed to be an improvement to what MICO is currently using. Ms. Fyock expressed interest in this, and Mr. Krull will follow-up on this. Commissioner Gallagher requested an update on the Treasurer's staffing situation. Mr. Krull referred to Holly Ray, Human Resource Director, stated there is still a need for 1-2 people. Commissioner Pretz stated it has turned into his number 1 complaint from the citizens. They take a day off from work and are not able to get into the queue to take care of business.

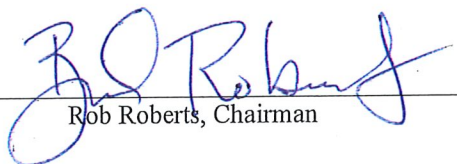
Commissioner Dixon stated he would like for the county to get the assistance MCHD is needing.

Chairman Roberts stated we will be ending the meeting with a celebration. Derrick Mein, Miami County's first Olympian, is a member of the 2020 Olympian USA Team. The Commissioners issued a plaque to Mr. Mein stating it is an honor knowing he represented not only the USA but also Miami County, KS. Mr. Mein thanked the Commissioners for having him here and for the plaque.

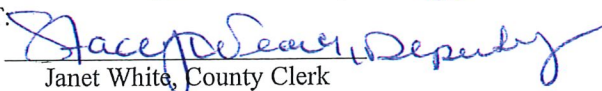
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.




Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk