

**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 24, 2026. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Michael Hursey, Carol Aust, Dan Creason, Catherine Klingele, John Klingele

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pretz 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 June 17, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers
- Approve NRP amounts for 2025.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Hursey, 16315 W. 287th, Paola, handed out three letters from residences, and wanted the commission to be aware of the requirement of having a value-added kitchen from the State of Kansas for food prep for small farms and how Miami County does not allow a second kitchen. Commissioner Scruggs spoke about walking through the appeal process with the Tangen's and that the Planning and Codes Department is looking into the zoning.

Carol Aust, 902 E. Howard Place, Louisburg, spoke about economic development, asked questions of the commission, inquired on how she could help the county and volunteer. Commissioner Vaughan, Chairman Pretz, Commissioner Scruggs, Commissioner Vickrey and Shane Krull, County Administrator responded to her questions.

John Klingele, 32066 Osawatome Road, Paola, shared his concerns about the data center in Osawatome and asked the Commissioners questions. Commissioner Scruggs and Commissioner Vickrey responded to the questions asked.

Catherine Klingele, 32066 Osawatome Road, Paola, spoke about home rule authority, citizens' right to speak, and petitions. Ms. Klingele invited the Commissioners to the Osawatome City Council meeting tomorrow June 25, 2026, and speak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sitting as the Fire Board #1 at 1:39 p.m.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, recommended entering into a three-year agreement with FireCatt for annual fire hose testing to meet NFPA and ISO requirements. Mr. Whelan followed up from 06/17/2026 Board of County Commissioner meeting and reported on how the fire stations are testing their hoses. One station does not test their hoses. The cost from FireCatt is \$0.44 per ft for a total of \$13,426.6 in 2026, \$0.46 per ft for a total of \$14,036.90 for 2027 and \$0.48 per ft for a total of \$14,647.20 in 2028. This includes all costs. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed. **A26-06-031**

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End Sitting as the Fire Board #1 at 1:436 p.m.

Sitting as the Board of County Commissioners at 1:43 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA

Matthew Kelly, Undersheriff, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the consolidation of AXON contracts. Undersheriff Kelly went over the costs. There was no motion.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave an update on Board of County Commissioners approval from June 17, 2026, meeting for going out for a request for proposal (RFP) or allow for the use of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) agreement for the brush units and engines.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey commented on the abatements for businesses.

Commissioner Scruggs had a discussion on how Miami County would be able to change the county's zoning to allow a second kitchen. The commission asked for a formal presentation from Planning and Zoning department in the near future with solutions and ideas on updates or considerations to the current regulations for the Planning Commission. Mr. Cook was given authorization to proceed on this initiative for Miami County.

Chairman Pretz made a public announcement of the impending retirement of County Administrator, Shane Krull, on January 8, 2027. Due to this retirement announcement, the recruitment process to hire a new County Administrator is in process with anticipation of a new hire starting by December of 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.



George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk