

**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 July 1, 2026. Those present were:

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

News: Brian McCauley, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Loralie Tangen, Mike and Dee Martin, John and Catherine 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 24, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers and payroll
- GOE Agreement: 2026-017-LS (Fraley) **A26-07-032**
- GOE Agreement: 2026-018-LS (Medlin) **A26-07-033**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Loralie Tangen, 40610 W. 324th Terrace, Osawatomie, stated she will be attending the Planning Commission meeting on July 7, 2026, to appeal the denial of her permit to install a second kitchen and multiple sinks in their barn. She applauded the Commissioner's efforts at the June 24, 2026 commissioner meeting regarding not being able to have a second kitchen and talked about the second reason her permit was denied.

John Klingele, 32066 Osawatomie Road, Paola, talked about the proposed data center, his actions at the June 24, 2026 meeting. He also thanked Chairman Pretz and Commissioner Vickrey, for attending the City of Osawatomie's Council meeting.

Mr. Klingele talked about the railroad crossing at 327th and Osawatomie Road and asked if the one-lane bridge on 335th Street, which provides the quickest route around the railroad crossing, would be repaired. It takes an additional six to eight minutes to go around and is concerned about the extra time for emergency services.

STAFF COMMENTS

Brandon Ream, EMS Deputy Chief reported that on June 19, 2026 Miami County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was awarded the Paterson Family Foundation Grant for \$233,285.00 to replace five cardiac monitors. He stated funding will be available in about a month, and the items will be available in about a month. Chairman Pretz expressed his appreciation for Mr. Ream's efforts and for applying for the grant.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, reported the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) awarded the contract to Carson Construction earlier this week to continue the four-lane highway for improvements from Louisburg US Highway 69 to US Highway 169 interchange. It is a \$60 million project that Miami County started 20 years ago. Chairman Pretz stated the government process takes time, it is good to see some accomplishment.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Diediker announced the City of Fontana is having a 250-year celebration on July 11, 2026, starting 10:00 a.m. and was asked to invite everyone.

Commissioner Vaughan announced two or more commissioners could be present at the Miami County Republican meeting on July 9, 2026, at the Pearl Street Baptist Church starting at 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Commissioner Vickrey stated Commissioner Jim Wise was very involved with the 68-highway expansion and will be remembered for the work. It will be a safety improvement getting all the driveways cut down on the highway and alleviating the flow of traffic.

Chairman Pretz announced there could be two or more commissioners present at the Osawatomie City Council meeting for the next couple of months held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Osawatomie Middle School.

Chairman Pretz stated Jim Wise spearheaded the project on 68-highway.

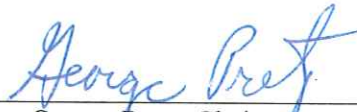
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Personnel Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(a)(1)) Executive Session for 15 minutes beginning at 1:23 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:38 p.m.

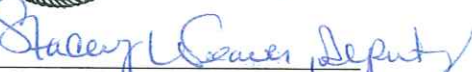
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Epp, County Clerk