

**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 8, 2026. Those present were:

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

Absent: Commissioner Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem

Visitors: Topher Philgreen

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the County Commission Meeting on July 1, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 4 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Topher Philgreen, 3409 W. 222 Street, Bucyrus, talked about the Planning Commission meeting on July 7, 2026, and rezoning 50 acres. He asked the Commission to provide a reason if the matter presented before them at the July 29, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting is denied.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Presentation- Recognize the Q1 2026 Employee of the Month recipients. Sara Denney, Human Resources Director announced the employee of the month for April, May, June 2026.

- June 2026 Employee of the Month: Zachary McCracken, Environmental Compliance Officer, Code Services
- May 2026 Employee of the Month: Marte Tubbs, Operations Support Specialist, County Clerk
- June 2026 Employee of the Month: Brandon Ream - Deputy EMS Chief, EMS

ACTION AGENDA

Thomas Toler, Infrastructure Technology Systems Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the annual Cisco renewal to support IT infrastructure. Mr. Toler stated this renewal covers all the infrastructure for Miami County. The total cost is \$14,149.30. Commissioner Vickrey thanked Mr. Tolar for making Miami County more secure and saving the taxpayers money. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 4 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed.

(A26-07-034)

Matthew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, requested the Commission to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Notice to Proceed with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC for the 287th Street Reconstruction project number 21-08-ST (683) and the 2026 Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program project number 26-01-CO (670). Mr. Oehlert stated the 287th Street reconstruction project is scheduled to begin on July 9, 2026, and be completed within 90 calendar days. The Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program is scheduled to begin August 21, 2026, and be completed within 120 working days. Chairman Pretz asked for a total. Mr. Oehlert gave rough numbers as he did not have the information on hand. Commissioner Scruggs moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; vote taken:

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4 in favor; 0 opposed the motion passed.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a report on a significant machine shed fire on July 3, 2026. A 911 call came in at 12:45 a.m. units from the four Miami County Fire Districts were dispatched with units from Overland Park, Olathe, Cutler Township (Rantoul), Dolan West Dolan (Freeman Missouri), and Western Cass (Cleveland Missouri) to assist.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a report of the total incidents of each fire district in Miami County from at 12:00 a.m. Friday, July 3, 2026. through Sunday, July 5, 2026 until 11:59 p.m.

Matthew Oehlert, Road and Bridge Engineering Project Manager, gave the Commissioners the total costs for the two projects. The 287th Street Reconstruction project is a total cost of \$766,590.00 and the 2026 Asphalt Corrective Maintenance Program is a total cost of \$ 4,156,403.69 and approximately \$80,000.00 for the construction Engineering proposal. Chairman Pretz asked how many miles. Mr. Oehlert answered almost eighteen miles.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey stated his mother-in-law passed away a couple of days ago. Chairman Pretz replied sympathies from all of us.

Commissioner Diediker announced the City of Fontana is having a 250-year celebration on July 11, 2026, starting at 8:00a.m. with fireworks starting at 10:00 p.m. and invited everyone to participate.

Chairman Pretz announced two or more commissioners could be present at the Miami County Republican Party meeting on July 9, 2026, at the Pearl Street Baptist Church in Paola starting at 7:00 p.m.

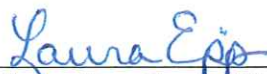
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.




George Pretz, Chairman

ATTEST:



Laura Epp, County Clerk