

**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 November 24, 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, Operation Support Assistant
George Pretz, Commissioner	

News: Doug Carder, Republic News

Visitors: Bo Gerken, Rusty Gerken

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on November 17, 2021
- Approval of payment vouchers and payroll
- Temporary Construction Easement – William James Brown III (C21-11-053)
- Temporary Construction Easement – Hartman Excavating, LLC (C21-11-054)
- Temporary Construction Easement – Chambers and Van Der Weele (C21-11-055)
- Temporary Construction Easement – Charles J. Kern, Janet Marie Trower and Gerald E. Kern (C21-11-056)
- Temporary Construction Easement – Kiran and Jaya Kanakadandila (C21-11-057)
- Grant of Easement 21034-LS (Ag Pres) James & Herriges (A21-11-067 & A21-11-068)

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, requested the Commissioners to consider assigning a staff member to sign the settlement documents in the Opiate Settlement Agreement when the documents arrive. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve Shane Krull, County Administrator, to sign the settlement documents when they arrive at Miami County (MICO), Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave updates on the following:

- Fire District #1 Tire Project is completed with exception of a brush truck in Fontana with an odd sized tire, it's on back order.
- The online burning permit should be up and running on December 15, 2021
- COVID in Miami County:
 - Total cases 4,601
 - 92 new cases since November 17, 2021, an increase of 30 from the week before
 - 115 active cases; increase cases in school age students ages 5 – 17. Louisburg, Spring Hill & Gardner are seeing a big chunk of the cases

- 2 new hospitalizations
- 1 new death

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested an update on the radio towers/system from Mark Whelan. Mr. Whelan stated there are radio issues in the Northeast part of the county, and now questioning the third-party testing that was performed late July early August. There are multiple ¼ mile by ¼ mile tiles that were driven and are not showing up on the test. Mr. Whelan stated they are working on the issue and currently have 3 options being considered as possible solutions. Twelve square miles are included in the issues.

Chairman Roberts reopened the floor to public comments for 2 individuals that joined the meeting late.

Bo Gerken, 22360 W 303rd, Paola, stated he is following up to last weeks meeting questioning if the letter he handed out last week made any difference in the decision for the extension of the church. Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, stated per County Codes once a building permit is voted down the person/company must wait 12 months to reapply.

Rusty Gerken, 26518 W 322nd, Paola, followed up from last week's meeting stating he read the hand-out from Teresa Reeves and there is no where in the document that addresses concrete plants in Miami County and requested the Commissioners to consider re-reading the hand-out again.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Roberts requested the Commission support on the State of the County Address in late January would like to invite the mayors of Miami County. Miami County will host the event. The Commissioners agreed that it is a good idea.

Chairman Roberts stated he would like for the Commissioners to find a way to honor the 4 mayors going out of office to thank them for their service to the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved for an Attorney / Client Executive Session, subject is privileged litigation for 20 minutes beginning at 1:20 p.m. to include the Commissioners, Administrator, and Counselor. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. Chairman Roberts reconvened the regular meeting at 1:40 p.m. no action to taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.



ATTEST:

Janet White, County Clerk

Rob Roberts, Chairman