

**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 August 5, 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: Craig Gjerde, Mike and Dee Martin, Joe and Carrie Gregar, Bill Osborn, Steve Graue

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 July 29, 2026
- Approval of accounts payable payment vouchers

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Craig Gjerde, 12555 W. 255th Street, Louisburg, expressed concerns regarding unpaved road conditions on 255th, citing a recent rollover accident near New Lancaster Road. He requested the Commissioners address the roadway conditions.

Commissioner Vickrey invited interested citizens to speak with the commissioners following meeting.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – National WIC Breastfeeding Week 2026. Meckenzie Kelly, Assistant Health Director, the proclamation on behalf of the Miami County Health Department and the Women, Infant, and Child (WIC) program. Ms. Kelly thanked the Board for the continued support, recognized WIC staff and thanked the Miami County Breast feeding Coalition and noted the Health Department was recognized in September 2025 by the State of Kansas as a breastfeeding friendly local Health Department and has earned the Gold Level Breastfeeding Employee Support Award.

ACTION AGENDA

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the approval of the Kansas WorkforceONE Agreement for the Chief Elected Officials Board. Mr. Krull explained Kansas WorkforceONE's Director is asking for all the participants to enter into a new agreement for the Chief Elected Officials Board. Commissioner Vaughan has served as Miami County's representative and appointee since it started. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed.

(A26-08-041)

STAFF COMMENTS

Laura Epp, County Clerk, reported the success of her first Primary Election with her team as County Clerk. The election included all thirteen polling locations operating as scheduled. Thanks was expressed to the polling locations, 121 volunteer election workers, election staff, Road and Bridge personnel, the Sheriff's Office and other partners working together to make this election possible. A total of 8,104 ballots were cast, and 120 provisional ballots submitted. Unofficial election results have been posted on the county website. The election results will be certified and become official following the completion of the canvass on August 17, 2026. Clerk Epp reminded the Board that canvass is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and requested advance notice if any commissioners are unable to attend with their designated proxy.

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Laura Epp, County Clerk, provided an update on Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) process, the notices have been submitted to Komtek for printing and mailing. Notices will be arriving in resident's mailboxes soon. A reminder that notices provide estimated tax information only and are not tax statements.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vickrey expressed appreciation for voter participation in the Primary Election and noted the strong turnout in Louisburg.

Commissioner Diediker thanked the citizens who voted for him and will do his best the next four years.

Commissioner Vaughan congratulated Commissioner Diediker and to Jacob Vickrey for election to the commission. He expressed appreciation to all the people he was able to serve and get to know over the last eight years. Commissioner Vaughan spoke about the campaign over this last year.

Chairman Pretz congratulated all the candidates who participated in the election and recognized the effort involved in running for public office.

Chairman Pretz announced there could be two or more commissioners present at the following:

- Board of Canvassers, August 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- City/County Meeting September 10, 2026, at Fox Hall in Louisburg.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to the Security Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(7)) to discuss Information Technology security measures in the Commissioners Private Chambers for 15 minutes beginning at 1:22 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, and Thomas Toler, Information Technology Systems Administrator. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:37 p.m. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the contract with ISG for the Information Systems Department to spend up to \$75,000.00. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed. (C26-08-002)

Commissioner Pretz moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to the Personnel Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) to discuss non-elected personnel in the Commissioners Private Chambers for 20 minutes beginning at 1:38 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, Sara Denney, Human Resources Director, and Isabella Riddle, Assistant Human Resources Director. Commissioner Vickrey seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 1:58 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Pretz moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to the Personnel Exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) to discuss non-elected personnel in the Commissioners Private Chambers for 10 minutes beginning at 2:00 p.m. to include the Commissioners and County Administrator. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; vote taken: 5 in favor; 0 opposed, the motion passed. Chairman Pretz reconvened the regular meeting at 2:10 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Laura Epp
Laura Epp, County Clerk

George Pretz
George Pretz, Chairman