

**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 March 23, 2022. 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	

Visitors: Jeff Oliver

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roberts 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 March 16, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Right-of-Way Purchase-James S. Bosley, Jr. Living Trust (A22-03-013)
- Right-of-Way Purchase-Richard L. Eppler and Dorothy Eppler (A22-03-014)
- Right-of-Way Purchase-Raymond L. Macourbrie and Ruth A. Macourbrie (A22-03-015)
- Right-of-Way Purchase-Burl W. Peckman Living Trust and D. Shemene Peckman Living Trust (A22-03-016)
- Right-of-Way Purchase-Norma L. Peckman Living Trust and Dennis L. Peckman Living Trust (A22-03-017)

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners decided to table the Agreement with Toshiba until next week. The Agreement was to provide cloud based DocuWare document management services. Miami County is currently in contract (A17-12-022) with Toshiba to provide DocuWare document management software (DMS) and services utilized by the human resources department. Commissioner Gallagher moved to **table this item for one week for continued legal review**. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A22-03-12)

The Commissioners awarded the Bid for 2022-012 Mowing of County Properties to 20 Acre Woods and authorizing notice to proceed. 20 Acre Woods was the low bid with a total price per mowing of \$350 for all county properties and \$60 for miscellaneous properties as needed. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts announced the Commissioners will now be sitting as the Fire Board for the next few minutes.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider reallocation of \$2,422.63 for the purchase of the remaining equipment that was carried over from the 2021 budget. This along with an AED purchased using 2022 funds, will allow the unit to be considered an engine by the ISO (Insurance Service Organization). OFD staff is planning on requesting the ISO rate the Osawatomie Fire Department coverage area in the fall of 2022. The current ISO rating in the OFD coverage area of Miami County Fire District 1 is 5. It is possible that the ISO could be lowered to a 4 which could lower insurance rates for homeowners within 5 road miles of the station. Commissioner Dixon asked if the ISO ratings was someone that comes on request? Mr. Whelan stated that they come in every 5-10 years or sooner if

requested. The new pumper will qualify as a class A where the old pumper would not. He also said that more points could be awarded since they always have two dispatchers on duty. Chairman Roberts stated that this could come about as the County Board has invested in Osawatomie and a new tender. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts adjourned the Fire District #1 Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Janet White, County Clerk, requested the Commissioners to send the notice to the Marysville Township Board for acceptance of the Cereal Malt Beverage application for Dollar General Store #22007 located at 25579 Old Kansas City Rd, Paola Ks. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, stated his department is struggling with truck drivers. He said there are 6 tandem trucks but only 2 drivers. He stated the drivers they had have been promoted and now he is needing new drivers however he is having a hard time with the wage and finding new drivers. Commissioner Vaughan asked if they required a CDL. Mr. McMahon answered yes. Chairman Roberts asked Mr. McMahon to work with HR and County Administrator on the budget, what this will cost, or bring back to the board what you might have to quit doing. Chairman wondered why we have truck drivers, who are in great demand, on the lower end of our pay scale.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated that 2 or more Commissioners could be at the Miami County Republican Party meeting on March 24th 6:30 pm at Timbercreek in Louisburg. A Community Leadership Meeting with the Mayors and Managers of Miami County on March 29th at 11 am - 1 pm at Fox Hall in Louisburg.

Commissioner Pretz moved to have Chairman Roberts sign a letter of support for Osawatomie for a grant request for the Flint Hills Trail. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts shared a Certificate of Appreciation the Commissioners received at lunch time while at the Paola Adult Senior Center.

Chairman Roberts wanted to show their appreciation to Casey d'Augereau for being their secretary for the past few years. She is not leaving the organization but moving to a different department.

Chairman Roberts stated Commissioner Vaughan, Pretz, Roberts and Mr. McMahon attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Meeting. Chairman Roberts stated that in the Commissioners meeting the topic was "How to remove an elected official". He stated he was so grateful to be part of an organization where the elected and the appointed get along so well. The other Commissioners agreed with that statement.

Chairman Roberts stated that Janet White is one of the best County Clerks in the State of Kansas and does an outstanding job. He said that Ms. White is now down 3 people due to transferring to other departments and is facing the upcoming election with untrained people. Chairman Roberts asked her to contemplate bringing in trained individuals that are already election workers and that the Commissioners need to be ready to approve that and support her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Executive Session to discuss a possible land acquisition for 15 minutes beginning at 1:38 to include the Commissioners, Administrator, and County Counselor. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. Chairman Roberts reconvened the regular meeting at 1:53. No action was taken.

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Commissioner Gallagher moved to extend the Attorney-Client Privilege Executive Session to discuss a possible land acquisition for 15 minutes beginning at 1:53 to include the Commissioners, Administrator, and County Counselor. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. Chairman Roberts reconvened the regular meeting at 2:08. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

(Seal)



Rob Roberts
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White
Janet White, County Clerk