

**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 April 20, 2022. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Wendy Newton, Operation Specialist
George Pretz, Commissioner	

Visitors: Gerald Rittinghouse

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 April 13, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Grant of Easement for Lot Split No. 22007-LS (Shore) (A22-04-023)
- Grant of Easement for Lot Split No. 22015-LS (Stuart Trust) (A22-04-024)
- Grant of Easement for Lot Split No. 22016-LS (Stuart Trust) (A22-04-025)
- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities
- Removal of Action Item # 5 - Cost share for the 2022-2023 employee benefits - Duplication
- Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 1:01 pm. He stated the purpose of the hearing is to receive comments regarding the upcoming 2023 county budget. Chairman Roberts stated that there was no written communication received however if you were watching the live stream or recording and wanted to submit anything in writing you could do so by submitting it to the County Clerk. He stated the county budget process will be May 16th, May 17th, and May 18th where the Commissioners walk through the budgets line by line with each Director of the departments either elected or appointed. Public hearing was closed at 1:03 pm.

Chairman Roberts announced the County Commissioners will now be sitting as the Miami County Fireboard.

Gerald Rittinghouse, Fire Chief of Louisburg, requested the Commissioners consider awarding the bid for a new fire engine and rescue to Weis Fire Safety for a 2023 Toyne Custom Pumper with a 425-day lead time. This will replace the 2004 truck they currently have. Chief Rittinghouse said he did not expect to make that lead time due to further communications with Weis Fire Safety. He stated the bid submitted was for \$469,145 but there are a couple corrections: air pump needed for the air brakes was missed and would add \$776, on spot chains for driving on ice for \$3,860 and the manual pump shift for \$880, there was a reduction of \$2,500 to move to a roll up door from a clam shell door. This brings the total purchase to \$472,161. Chairman Roberts stated there were 6 official bids and this is the bid that was closest to meeting the specs and budget. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the bid of \$472,161 but wait to purchase the optional equipment till a later time, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners consider for approval the purchase of a combination UTV for Fire & EMS responses. Currently, they must wait for a mutual aid resource if needed. However, Mr. Whelan recommended to remove this item from the agenda since there was

only one bid received and he would like to proceed with getting more bids. Commissioner Pretz moved to remove this item from the agenda, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts adjourned the Fire District #1 Board meeting.

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners consider the approval of the cost share for the 2022-2023 employee benefits. She stated the only change would be on the tier coverage otherwise it would be just like previous years. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Cost Share for 2022-2023 employee benefits was removed during the Consent Agenda vote as it was a duplicate to the previous Action item.

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider the approval of a resolution establishing retirement insurance coverage guidelines. It is requested that the commission make adjustments to the current guidelines for offering retirement insurance coverage to employees retiring, or taking disability, from KPERS or KP&F with at least 10 years of service with Miami County. Coverage will be extended to the employee based on their current enrollment and will be made available until the age of 65, or the individual fails to maintain premium payments, or they are covered / eligible to be covered under another plan. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chairman Roberts let it be known that Mr. McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, would be retiring in September. Mr. McMahon stated the county has treated him very, very well during his 38 years. He wanted to review a couple items. The first is the parking lot over at the Health Department. He looked at project type, how much to bid it out, some water issues, and some liability issues that the Commissioners need to look at in the next meeting. He says he would like to bring a recommendation that they consider the price Killough gave and the project could be done in 2 days with it done by July 4th. Otherwise, he would put a bid packet together, but the project probably wouldn't be done till next year.

JR McMahon stated the second thing was the newly purchased 10 classifiers and upgraded software are remarkably better than the previously ones and was money well spent. These are great for classifier / speed studies and makes it so much easier especially for presentations. He will be setting them down for Spring Hill for a speed study along with other areas around Miami County.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, asked Mr. McMahon if there was any validity that speed limit signs were removed/stolen up on Gardner Road or 223rd street. He stated what he received was they wanted more signs up there. Mr. McMahon stated after speaking with the Sheriff's office they should put a sign every mile and they are working to get that done.

Commissioner Vaughan asked Mr. McMahon about an update on the truck traffic signs and the verbiage. Mr. McMahon stated he has a sign, and it is being mocked up right now. He wanted to remind the Commissioners that no one reads past the 3rd line so they may want to change it up a bit. He should have it by the next meeting. Chairman Roberts said he could also email it to the Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Pretz asked if the Road & Bridge Department was all ready for the 1 free dump. Mr. McMahon stated he has worked with Waste Management and the Appraisers office to get ready. The publication was in the paper today and should be up on the website soon. It will be from May 1st to October 31st.

Holly Ray, HR Director, stated she was at the Osawatomie High School career fair to educate and help students learn about different careers in Miami County. She stated the Appraisers Office, Sheriff's Office, and the Register of Deeds were represented.

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated that he attended the Osawatomie State Hospital Citizen Advisory Board last Thursday. He brought back some statistics from their census and took a tour of the facilities there. He says they are doing better on staffing and have been able to cut down on overtime.

Commissioner Pretz stated the Republican Party will be meeting Thursday April 28th at Louisburg and there could be two or more Commissioners present.

Commissioner Dixon stated he was working on getting KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) to come in during the study session and talk about the K-68 project.

Commissioner Vaughan stated he attended the State of the City of Spring Hill breakfast yesterday morning. He says there is a lot of promise for collaboration with Miami County and talked to a lot of the new faces including the new Spring Hill Mayor.

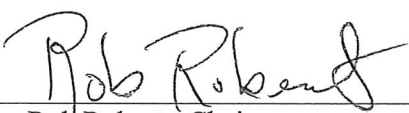
Chairman Roberts stated there will be no Commission meeting next week and will be back in session on May 4th.

Chairman Roberts stated he would like to have a future conversation with the Planning Department and County Administrator about taking proactive action or consideration, should there be a major solar farm that would like to migrate into Miami County. He would like to be educated on what the possibilities are and how they could impact us in advance to anything showing up. Mr. Krull, County Administrator, said he did not think there were tracts of land big enough to support wind farms but could support the solar farm aspect of it. Having regulations and education in advance of when/if that occurs would be a good start.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

(Seal)


Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk