

**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 June 8, 2022. Those present were:

Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
George Pretz, Commissioner	Jessi King, Operation Support Assistant

Absent: Rob Roberts, Chairman

Visitors: Buster Brady, Jennifer Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Pro-Tem Vaughan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Buster Brady, Director of Operations, Townes Tele-Communications in Lewisville, AR, presented a fiber to the home proposal for use of possible grant funds. He stated that his company is working in multiple states, including with Mokan Dial, a subsidiary that is currently being used in Louisburg, KS. Mr. Brady provided a handout that showed a map of the six different areas of Miami County that they would like to provide with fiber services. This would include 515 miles of fiber with a rough estimate of over \$34,000,000. Townes anticipates matching up to 25% of these funds. If awarded, they believe that they could complete the project within two years. Mr. Brady stated that they have never asked for any money from other elected officials, instead using available infrastructure funds. They believe that this opportunity will help communities, as well as sustain their own company.

Pro-Tem Vaughan stated that the information presented was valuable and important to the commissioners, as the community at large, as well as the workforce, needed the fiber. He feels that it is a great opportunity for the county. He thanked Mr. Brady for bringing the information to them. Mr. Brady then stated that if Townes got the opportunity to do this project, they are committed to continuing the work needed to get the job done.

Jennifer Williams, 21993 Moonlight, stated that it is a dangerous time in our nation. She cited several sources on national organizations that are "wolves in sheep's clothing" and wants the commissioners to be aware of the things that are happening on the large scale and how they will affect the things within the county so that they can protect people. She emphasized that the commissioner's job is to protect the citizen's voice and not regionalism or other larger organizations. She asks that the commissioners recognize the results of the public survey that says citizens are interested in a local economy and not infiltration of a global system. She shared information that in Johnson County, the warehouse development has crossed over Gardner Road, though residents have begged for them not to and there are three current lawsuits in the court system. She is concerned that the same could happen into Miami County. She stated that she does not want to proceed with an appeal but asks that everyone work together to come up with a plan to protect Miami County and its citizens.

Pro-Tem Vaughan clarified that he feels steps have been made to address some of Ms. Williams' concerns. He stated that signs have been installed regarding speed limits and truck traffic, as well as public statements made about language that is attached to some funds from other entities. He thanked Ms. Williams for the information she brought to the commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on June 1, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, presented quotes for an exterior sign and renovation work on the Health Department building. He stated that there had been discussion on these quotes during the study session. There were three flooring quotes received, with the best being from Legacy Flooring for \$40,620. Three quotes were received for the painting, both interior and exterior, the best coming from Marman Painting for \$27,800. Excel Lightings and Signs submitted a quote for a LED monument sign along Hospital Drive, a directional monument sign, and a sign identifying the Health Department for \$38,753. There were three quotes for office furnishings received, with Navrat's quote at \$95,574.22, but allowing a state contract purchasing price, which would save Miami County \$11,000, bringing the total close to \$84,039, including installation. Mr. Krull stated that the Health Department had accepted several Covid grants that would allow them to use that money for these expenses. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, stated that the opportunity for fiber optics does help residents of the county. He also advised that his department is in level one until next week, when they will go into level two. At that point, they can go into the residential dust control measures. Mr. McMahon said that he hired another employee, but another employee resigned as well. This creates a problem for his department, as the employee that left was the sole operator of a rubber tire excavator. Mr. McMahon thanked the commission for getting information to his department from residents of Miami County.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated that more than 2 commissioners could be at the Advent Health ribbon cutting ceremony on June 9 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

Commissioner Pretz stated that more than 2 commissioners could be at the John Brown Jamboree Parade in Osawatomie on June 16th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Commissioner Pretz stated that more than 2 commissioners could be at the Osawatomie City Quarterly Meeting on June 28th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation for 15 minutes beginning at 1:40 to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, and County Counselor. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Pro-Tem Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 1:55.

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney-Client Privilege Exception Executive Session to discuss policy and regulation guidelines for Miami County for 15 minutes beginning at 1:56 to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, and County Counselor. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Pro-Tem Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 2:11.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.



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Rob Roberts
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White

Janet White, County Clerk