

**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 July 6, 2022. Those present were:

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

News: Doug Carder, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Jason Osterhaus, D. Craig Barnett, Aundrea Wheat

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason Osterhaus, 23066 College Boulevard, Olathe stated that he was there as a representative from Senator Jerry Moran's office to say hello and to see the fruition of the work that they did to help with a project for a sale of a property in Miami County.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on June 29, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On: Resolution of funds for K-68 Expansion Project
- Add-On: Resolution changing of speed limit at Ridgeview Road from 255th to Wagstaff Road

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Roberts introduced a resolution that would designate funds for the expansion of K-68 from 69 to 169 into four lane highway. JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, explained that currently they are doing the prep work for that project, including the side roads that will now be blacktop. The IKE program requires a commitment of 10 percent from the county, which would be \$4 million. However, because of agreements with KDOT for the maintenance of frontage roads by Miami County, \$2.5 million will be credited, leaving the Miami County share at \$1.5 million. Mr. McMahon asked that if the commission decides to go forward, that a cover letter is drafted with administrative stipulations desired. He added that after the commitment to the \$1.5 million is made, there will be no raise in cost to the county. Chairman Roberts reiterated the fact that the commission has been working toward the expansion of this highway through many years and working with surrounding counties and numerous people. Chairman Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R22-07-035)

JR McMahon requested the Commissioners to consider authorization for a project and solicitation of construction bids for the replacement of culverts. He shared that they had done a good job doing work on the bridges in the county and wanted to continue that work into the culverts. After an inspection by an engineering firm, the culverts were ranked, and the Road & Bridge Department bundled 4 of the worst to be done into a single project. Mr. McMahon explained that, if approved, bids would open in August and then once it is awarded, the contractor would have one year to complete. Commissioner Gallagher moved to authorize solicitation of construction bids, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider authorization for the solicitation of sale of 7.1 acres of property at 327th Street and 169 highway, north portion of the EMS facility. Chairman Roberts confirmed that the sale would be done through sealed bid and that bids would be opening on July 28 at 9:00am, with bids being considered on August 3. The Commissioners thanked Senator Moran and KDOT for their support and instructions with this project. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the

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vote was unanimous.

JR McMahon requested the Commissioners to approve a resolution establishing a maximum speed limit of 25 MPH on Ridgeview Road between Wagstaff Road and 255th Street. He stated that he feels the change is warranted from a safety viewpoint. Chairman Roberts stated that he is hesitant to make these changes, as others have asked for similar changes and been denied. However, he feels that this is a unique scenario from a safety concern because of the short distance and the train tracks present. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R22-07-036)

STAFF COMMENTS

Shane Krull announced that as of July 16th, Deputy Chief Frank Burrows will be promoted to Chief of EMS. The Commissioners congratulated him and welcomed him to the next journey. Mr. Krull also announced that Eric Sandberg has been hired to replace JR McMahon after his retirement. Mr. Sandberg is originally from Spring Hill and is currently employed at Overland Park Public Works.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the Commissioners on the UTV for the Fontana Fire Department. He stated that after speaking again with the vendor in Wisconsin, he learned that they are sold out of the 2022 model and do not yet have prices on the 2023 model. The more local vendor priced the UTV at a much higher cost than originally thought. Mr. Whelan then asked the commission to table the issue indefinitely while he continued to do more research. Mr. Krull then suggested to remove the issue completely until the situation warrants putting it back on to the agenda. Commissioner Dixon then asked Mr. Whelan about the current Covid numbers going back up. Mr. Whelan explained that a new subvariant is now the prevalent variant, but it presents only minor symptoms with almost non-existent hospitalizations.

JR McMahon stated that it was great news about the hiring of Eric Sandberg. He thanked HR and Mr. Krull for their work. He also wanted to let everyone know that the department is fully committed to making the transition to Mr. Sandberg as smooth as possible. Mr. McMahon stated that Road & Bridge is currently working on chip seal and that they are also committed to doing the magnesium chloride program. He also stated that his final day will be September 23rd, with the intent to honor that date and have the transition happen at that point.

Janet White, County Clerk, informed the Commissioners that some residents have received duplicate voter cards, due to printer issues in the Clerk's office.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Roberts stated that he had received concerns from Judge Hart about the temperature in her courtroom and asked Jim Starling, Building & Grounds Director, to update what is going on with the HVAC in the Courthouse. Mr. Starling stated that one air handler supplies the air to the courtroom and the unit cannot handle the moisture. He stated that he has asked for a dehumidifier to be put in the courtroom to help with the humidity. Mr. Starling said that he has adjusted the schedule for the chiller to be on, to try to better keep up with the temperature in the courtroom. The controls contractor also believes that there could be an issue with the thermostat that was put in, so that will be something that will be addressed as well. The commissioners asked if there was any way that a pump could be installed to help with the temperature issues. Mr. Starling stated that that was something that had been done on other units, but that he did not believe that it would fix the current humidity issue. He stated that they would see what happened when the thermostat was changed and then would go from there.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

(Seal)

Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White, County Clerk

