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 20, 2022. Those present were:

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

Absent: Shane Krull, County Administrator
Visitors: Gerald Rittinghouse, James Payne, Mike Scanlon, Brent Ludwig

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Scanlon, City Manager, City of Osawatomie, explained to the commissioners that the city was beginning work on their RHID (Rural Housing Incentive District). He stated that the plan they were likely to submit would be on behalf of the city, who owns the land, as well as a private developer, as a joint project. They believe that the way to bring housing to Osawatomie is with a public-private partnership and bringing in a local bank as a financier. The area proposed is "Ten Acres" that has been used for athletic fields, which will hopefully be turned into 25 single family homes in the $210,000 - $225,000 range.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on July 13, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-on: ISG/Arctic Wolf Security Contract

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jim Payne, Silver Haired Legislature delegate from Miami County, introduced himself to the commissioners and presented some of the things that his group has been doing. He explained that the after speaking with delegates from all over the state, there were several issues that were important to seniors, which was presented to Governor Kelly. A successful adoption of the Golden Years Bill was passed, refunding property taxes to seniors, as well as a $1 billion transfer to KPERS, along with many other things that the Silver Haired Legislature had determined to be important to seniors.

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to approve exceeding revenue neutral with a mill levy at 2.460 on Hillsdale Lights fiscal year 2023 Budget. He explained that rising energy costs make this necessary. He stated that the 2022 estimated cost was $9,900. Commissioner Vaughan clarified that this decision is separate from the revenue neutral decision made for the county budget. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to approve exceeding revenue neutral with a mill levy at 3.60 on Bucyrus Lights fiscal year 2023 Budget. He explained that rising energy costs make this necessary. He stated that the 2022 estimated cost was $3,500. Commissioner Vaughan clarified that this decision is separate from the revenue neutral decision made for the county budget. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts announced that the County Commissioners will now be sitting as the Fire District Fire Board.

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to approve exceeding revenue neutral with a mill levy at 3.538 on Fire District #1's year 2023 Budget. He explained that rising operations costs and equipment replacement make this necessary. Chairman Roberts explained that the cost of a firetruck had risen considerably and with planned purchases of two trucks in the next calendar year, there was little choice moving forward. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to approve not exceeding revenue neutral with a mill levy at 5.304 on Fire District #2's year 2023 Budget. Commissioner Vaughan clarified that the mill levy rate had increased the last three years, allowing for revenue neutral this year, as a one-year strategy. Commissione Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts adjourned the Fire Board meeting at 1:20.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented an agreement for Central Square "Computer Aided Dispatching" system. He stated that after discussion with the Sheriff and the legal department, that because of legal questions, they felt it was best to remove the agreement from the agenda until the contract could be updated. Commissioner Gallagher moved to remove the issue from the agenda until further notice, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Teresa Reeves, Planning Director, presented an application for CUP for Foxtrot Field that was first before the board on June 29th. She explained that there were only three options allowed for in the regulations for moving forward. Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, recommended that the issue be returned to the Planning Commission with the statement specifying the basis for approval or disapproval. Commissioner Vaughan moved to send the CUP back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration with the information that has been received, adding a statement of a possibility of conflict of interest, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts announced that the County Commissioners will now be sitting as the Fire District #1 Fire Board.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to authorize solicitation for bids for a Louisburg Fire Department Engine. He explained that they are looking at commercial chassis rescue engines and custom chassis rescue engines to compare prices and delivery dates, as well as considering a long-term lease purchase to spread purchases out over time. He has been advised that some delivery dates have been pushed out to 26 months, with delivery most likely 18 months. Gerald Rittinghouse, Louisburg Fire Chief, explained that there had been discussion about the benefits of keeping Engine 620 as a backup in the meantime versus trading it in at its current highest value. Chairman Roberts asked him to explore the options and cost of refurbishment of an engine, with safety being at the forefront with these considerations. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts adjourned the Fire Board meeting at 1:36.

Chairman Roberts introduced an agreement with ISG, placing more security on the county's IT system. Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, explained that there had been some issues on the contract previously that had been rewritten to clear up some confusion concerning the termination clause and the future of the agreement. The contract reads that for sixty days after approving the annual budget, the client may terminate the agreement with written notice if funding is not approved. This allows for an annual window for termination, allowing future boards of commissioners more flexibility within their budgets. The annual cost of the security measures will be approximately $81,000. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Tricia Lee, County Treasurer, asked the Commissioners if they had any questions or wanted time in a study session to discuss her concerns with some of her staff. Chairman Roberts suggested that they take 30 minutes in non-elected personnel executive session at next weeks Commissioners Meeting.

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, elaborated that most of the equipment that are currently going out for bids have unusually long time frames, taking 12-24 months before delivery, with items losing value as they wait. He stated that his department had finished chip seal work this morning, with asphalt overlays and pavement markings completed as well. Mag chloride is approximately 7/8 done and should be finished in the next week. Mr. McMahon plans to introduce Eric Sandberg, the incoming Road & Bridge Director, to the Commissioners sometime in the next two weeks and believes that they will be extremely pleased with him.

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, updated the Commissioners on the remount status after reaching out to the vendor for Lifeline. He explained that chassis that were in stock were undeliverable, as they are waiting for other supplies, so there was still no estimated date for delivery. For a possible 2023 remount, a build would be on a 2020 spec, that would arrive in March or April.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

(Seal)

Rob Roberts

Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST: Janet White

Janet White, County Clerk

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