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 August 3, 2022. Those present were:

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

Absent: Danny Gallagher, Commissioner, Shane Krull, County Administrator
Visitors: Buster Brady, Chase Custer, Jim Unqerer

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 July 27, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-on – Treasurer and Clerk Pay Schedule Adjustments

Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to table the Motorola Post Warranty Maintenance Agreement for one week to address some concerns, including the non-appropriation of funds termination clause, as to not bind future Boards of Commissioners with this agreement. Commissioner Vaughan moved to table for one week, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Buster Brady, 120 E. 1st Street, Lewisville, AR, presented a proposal from Townes Telecommunication for broadband grants. He stated that they planned on pursuing the six grant areas proposed in Miami County. He requested the Commissioners permission to proceed with submitting their grants on Friday. He stated that realistically, they have a good chance for 1-3 of the grants. Mr. Brady stated that they had a lot of community support and thanked Janet McRae for her help. Commissioner Pretz moved to authorize letters of support for the projects planned, concur with the Townes Telecommunications rankings, and allocate $10,000 of ARPA funds as a local contribution toward each project should an award be made for a potential total cost of $70,000, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, presented an amendment to the agreement to the existing 2022 Lighting Grant for the Miami County Airport. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Teresa Reeves, Planning Director, requested that the Commissioners to approve a Nunc pro Tunc Resolution for Brewer property outside of Osawatomie. This updates the Miami County Zoning map. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Katie Jardieu, Assistant Planning Director, presented the Resolution for the Stone Farms Agricultural Equipment Sales C.U.P. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, explained that some county owned property had been put up for bid and that those bids had been opened last week, with the highest qualified bidder being the City of Osawatomie. Commissioner Pretz moved to accept the City of Osawatomie bid for $256,000, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts introduced the Resolution to vacate a road at the driveway of 17745 373rd Street going west and ending at the Marais Des Cygne River in section 30, township 18, range 24 to finalize the action taken last week. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Tricia Lee, County Treasurer, requested the Commissioners to adjust the pay scale for certain employees of her office. She stated that there are people who have been employed for over two years whose pay is not reflective of their time. Commissioner Vaughan stated that there is a similar situation in the Clerk's Office. The County Clerk, along with Ms. Lee, recommend a 3% increase only for those employees that are in this category. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, introduced Eric Sandberg, who is the incoming Road & Bridge Director. Mr. Sandberg thanked the Commissioners and stated that he looks forward to working with the board moving forward. Mr. McMahon explained that Mr. Sandberg was coming in at a very opportune time, as he has a chance to get in at the start of bigger projects, such as Metcalf 2.0, and to be a part of them as a contact from the beginning. Mr. McMahon also informed the Commissioners that they have completed the dust control program, minus one road on 363rd Street. He explained that people are asking about roads being paved and that he is informing them that there are no plans in place to do additional paving with the current revenue neutral plan. He then explained that Metcalf 2.0 would happen in phases, with the materials and equipment for the next phase coming in as they finish the previous. Commissioner Dixon noted that they have begun work on the project this week.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated that the Commissioners would be doing the Election Canvass on the 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Vaughan stated that he will be absent for the next two weeks and will be finding a proxy for the Election Canvass.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have a Land Acquisition Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition for 15 minutes beginning at 1:36 to include the Commissioners, County Counselor, and Road & Bridge Directors. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Roberts reconvened the regular meeting at 1:51.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

(Seal)

Rob Roberts
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST: Janet White
Janet White, County Clerk

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