

**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 May 5th, 2021. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Danny Gallagher, Commissioner
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Shane Krull, County Administrator
George Pretz, Commissioner	Stacey Weaver, Deputy County Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Casey d'Augereau, Executive Secretary

Absent: Sheila Schultz, County Counselor

News: Doug Carder, Republic Miami News

Visitors: Sam Moon, Shay Hanysak, Carleen Seaborn, Earl Seaborn, Ron Kalcic

CALL TO ORDER

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

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Roberts stated there will be a Tree Dedication Ceremony to be held in front north corner of the Courthouse yard and will pause the regular meeting for everyone to attend the ceremony that wishes to attend.

Justin Eimers held a Tree Dedication Ceremony honoring former County Appraiser Stephanie O'Dell. Stephanie O'Dell was hired by Miami County (MICO) as Appraiser in 1991 and retired as the Appraiser in 2019.

Regular meeting reconvened at 1:18.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Earl Seaborn, 17850 157th Terr, Basehor, stated he would like a meeting with Commissioner Pretz following the meeting. Commissioner Pretz agreed to meet and requested Mr. Seaborn to share his story with the Commissioners. Mr. Seaborn stated he purchased 64.4 acres of property in 1977 and another 1.85 acres in 1978. He has been seeking help for a few months regarding the 1.85 acres purchased in 1978. He believes someone has changed the description decreasing the number of acres he purchased in 1978.

Ron Kalcic, 24309 Mission Bellevue, Louisburg, stated there are around 29 homes between 247th on Mission Bellevue and would like to know what it will take to have this section of the road paved. Commissioner Pretz asked what type of road they currently have, Mr. Kalcic stated it is gravel with dust control.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on April 28th, 2021
- Approval of AP payment vouchers

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider signing a contract with Baldrige Engineering, LLC on the 2021 Asphalt Program Project 21-02-CO (677) in the amount of \$26,725. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the contract with Baldrige Engineering, LLC not to exceed \$26,725, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C21-05-010)

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider signing a contract with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC on the 2021 Asphalt Program Project 21-02-CO (677)-2021 in the amount of \$1,766,200.29. There are multiple roads that fall under this project with the project beginning on May 7th, 2021. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the contract with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C21-05-011)

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Ram 2500 4X4 pick-up truck in the amount of \$35,562 for Fire District #1 to operate as the new Osawatimie Fire Department Chief's vehicle. This was budgeted for in the fourth quarter of 2020 for \$50,000, the balance will be used to stock the truck as needed. This was the second time bids were requested, the first time no bids came back. Commissioner

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Pretz moved to authorize the purchase of the 2021 Ram2500 4X4 pick-up truck in the amount of \$35,562, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a handout outlining the current COVID-19 situation with MICO. There has been a total of 2,750 cases within MICO as of today, an increase of 9 since April 28th, 2021. As of May 3rd, 2021 Miami County Health Department (MCHD) has received 11,200 doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and 700 J&J totaling 11,900. 5,271 first doses of Moderna and 4,622 second doses with 296 J&J doses administered. There have been 2,200 doses reallocated to the local pharmacies to assist with schools, childcare providers and Tri-Ko employees and residents.

Sara Denning, Human Resource, HR, stated there has been a decline in employee participation with the Go365 wellness program, HR, would like to increase the rate from \$30 to \$80 per month for those employees not participating in the wellness program. Ms. Denning stated that \$30 is a drop in the bucket for most, by increasing to \$80 HR believes there would be a greater participation from the employees. When program began 3-years ago only 26 out of 200 employees were non-wellness, this year we are at 60 for the current plan year and as of the end of April 2021 we have only had 42 people participate. Ms. Denning stated another thought they came up with was to increase the ending bonus from \$100 to: Silver level \$125, Gold level \$150 and Platinum level \$175. Commissioner Vaughan requested a breakdown of the numbers in writing for the Commissioners showing if 50% of the employees this is what to expect. Commissioner Pretz stated it's too complicated, the whole process/program. This is HR's world, the employees need more education. Commissioner Pretz stated he would like to leave it the same and master it before making changes. Ms. Denning stated there have been a number of webinars offered for training and the increase to \$80 doesn't have any bearing on the Go365 program, there are only 3 things the employees have to do: Get Biometrics, complete an online assessment, and you see a doctor. Commissioner Vaughan stated he would like to see the written breakdown in next week's Study Session.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, passed out a copy of an email received from Jim Kaup with Kaup Law Office. Mr. Krull stated last week the Commissioners asked that he reach out to Mr. Kaup in regard to the City of Golden petition. Mr. Krull read the email. Chairman Roberts stated the public hearing for the petition will be held on June 23rd, 2021 the details are still being worked out, hope to have the details worked out and presented to the Commissioners at next week's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.



Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White, County Clerk