

**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 September 14, 2022. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Stacey Weaver, Deputy Clerk
George Pretz, Commissioner	Jessi King, Operation Support Assistant

Absent: Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem – attended via telephone

Visitors: Kirk Moore, Aaron Corcoran, Dennis Ward

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on September 7, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- 22007-SUB: Final Plat of Stillwater Estates

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Services Coordinator, requested the commissioners to approve an agreement with Motorola for Miami County's 9-1-1 system. He explained that they have had coverage issues in some situations in the northeast portion of the county and have been working toward fixing those issues. He introduced Dennis Ward with Tusa Consulting Services, who explained that his company has been working with Motorola to get the price lowered, including working with Cass County in Missouri to use one of their radio towers. Aaron Corcoran, Senior Account Manager for Motorola for the State of Kansas, explained that proposal was a simulcast side add to improve coverage, with a coverage guarantee of 95% for the entire county. Mr. Whelan explained that Cass County has approved the concept of leasing the tower for \$1,000 per month rental, plus re-doing the fence, indefinitely. Chairman Roberts expressed his disappointment that we are at this stage after previous agreements, but appreciation for Tusa and Motorola doing what they could to make this happen. He stated that expectations were different from what was delivered and contracted at those previous times. Mr. Whelan stated that the total cost for this project will be \$1,623,105. Commissioner Gallagher expressed his frustration with the previous agreement, stating that the way that it was sold to the commissioners, that the correction should be paid for by the company and not put on the county's budget. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was 4 to 1 with Commissioner Gallagher voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider the appointment of a voting delegate and two alternate voting delegates to represent Miami County for the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) from October 5, 2022 until the 2023 KAC Annual Conference. Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Chairman Roberts as the voting delegate and Commissioner Vaughan and Commissioner Pretz as the alternates, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider the appointment of a voting delegate and alternate to represent Miami County at the KWORCC Conference. Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Chairman Roberts as the voting delegate and Commissioner Vaughan as the alternate, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider recommending Greg Riat for re-appointment as KWORCC Trustee At Large. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts asked for a motion to table the review of RFB for the Health Department for one week. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, presented a request for the Miami County Airport Lighting Project. He explained that the FAA will conduct an inspection of all the installed lighting to ensure that all is working and properly notated in all documents. The prepayment of \$23,347.44 for the flight inspection conducted by the FAA, with an expected reimbursement of 90% by April of 2023. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to approve a Budget Revision for the 2022 Road Rehabilitation project. The total amount of the revision would be \$99,189.08, but with a reimbursement of \$13,547.12 from the city of Osawatomie, there would be an increase of \$85,641.96 to bring the project total to \$2,210,279.96. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Holly Ray, Human Resources Director, presented Code Services Department Job Titles. She stated that the title of Compliance Officer would be changed to Environmental Compliance Officer 1, which would be a grade 5, with the addition of Environmental Compliance Officer 2, grade 7. Dave Delp, Building Codes Director, stated that these changes meet his expectations. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Dave Delp, Building Codes Director, requested the Commissioners to approve the Bucyrus Sewer Project Agreement. Mr. Delp explained that there are three different subjects to be reviewed: a resubmission of a CDBG Block Grant, a KDHE Grant Application, and a Rural Development Application. He explained that next week he plans on bringing documents to move forward the Bucyrus Project, while these are more about the financial aspect with GAS. Commissioner Vaughan stated that this option is the most feasible and advantageous of all the possibilities presented. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chairman Roberts asked Matt Oehlert to give an update on the bridge on Hedge Lane south of 311th Street that goes over Wea Creek that had to be mud jacked. Mr. Oehlert explained that the creek was steadily migrating south and undermining the south abutment. Instead of building a 4-million-dollar 4 span bridge, they kept it as a 3 span bridge moved approximately 80 feet. The bridge approach slumped about 3 inches and then was mud jacked about 2 inches. Next year, they plan to mill out the approach and tie it back into the roadway.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated that at John Brown Lookout Park the only unfenced portion is along 319th Street, which would be the only place where an ATV or other motorized vehicle could gain access. They are beginning to get estimates for fencing that would allow pedestrian entry but prohibit motorized vehicles. The immediate resolution is to place signs in the area and encourage citizens to contact police when they see an issue.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Dixon announced that there would be a ribbon cutting at the new Side by Side company in Louisburg.

Chairman Roberts read a letter from Lake Region Solid Waste requesting assistance in the appointment and reappointment of several members. JR McMahon, Darryl White, Gary Price, and Eric Sandberg will be the members of this committee. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

(Seal)



Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:



Janet White, County Clerk

