

**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 21, 2022. Those present were:

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

Absent: Shane Krull, County Administrator

Press: Doug Carder, Miami County Republic

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 September 14, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Grant of Easement 22017-LS: Henshaw Lot Split (**A22-09-051**)

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Christina Beer, Health Director, presented the bid received for the Health Department from Triangle Builders. She explained that this was the only bid that had been received and that it was exponentially higher than what was anticipated. After attempting discussions with them, her recommendation was that the commission refuse the bid and to explore other options going forward. Commissioner Pretz moved to reject the bid, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Chairman Roberts presented an agreement extending the County Administrator, Shane Krull's contract two years, until October 31, 2025. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for his work for the county. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (**A22-09-052**)

Holly Ray, Human Resources Director, requested the Commissioners to approve the title of Benefit and Payroll Coordinator to be changed to Assistant Human Resources Director. She explained that this was a strategic position, as it could possibly put a succession plan in place. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, to be effective January 1, 2023, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, presented a change to the Personal Computer Loan Agreement for Miami County personnel. She explained that this will slightly increase the loan amount from \$1,250 to \$1,500 to keep up with current prices and strengthened language concerning repayment after employment termination or resignation. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Katie Jardieu, Assistant Planning Director, requested the Commissioners to approve an update to the Planning and Zoning Application Fees, starting on January 1, 2023. She explained that the increase would better account for staff time and recoup some money that is typically lost in publications and third-party reviews. She stated that these fees had remained unchanged since 2003. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R22-09-043)

Mark Whelan, Emergency Services Coordinator, presented an amendment to the Motorola Service Agreement. He explained that the original 5-month gap coverage has been changed to 6 months and there is a correction to a date from the original agreement. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Sara Denney, Benefits and Payroll Coordinator, informed the Commissioners that next week there will be a request to close non-emergency offices for a county employee appreciation on October 7th from 11:30 – 2:00.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Dixon asked Christina Beer, Health Director, to update on the new Covid shot. Ms. Beer explained that they have received the first shipment of Pfizer and Moderna's Bivalent vaccine and it is available now. People who are two months out from their primary series or booster dose are eligible and appointments are available on Mondays. Ms. Beer stated that numbers seem to be increasing, which can be attributed to the start of school, new variants, and no boosters in some time, but the Bivalent will not only cover the new variants but also all others.

Chairman Roberts stated that there may be more than 2 commissioners could at the Road & Bridge Department on Friday at noon to celebrate the retiring Road & Bridge Director. There will also be a quarterly city/county meeting at the Paola Fire Station next Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:00.

Commissioner Vaughan stated that he and Commissioner Pretz had attended the second Solar Summit on Tuesday evening and felt that the Planning Commission and Planning Staff have been working diligently to understand policies and procedures and had a very productive, positive meeting.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Chairman Roberts honored J.R. McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, citing his 37 years of work for Miami County and congratulating him on his retirement. Chairman Roberts acknowledged Mr. McMahon's passion for the people of the county and declared September 21, 2022, as "J.R. McMahon Day". Commissioner Vaughan highlighted Mr. McMahon's grace and patience as he worked with him as a new commissioner and how respected that he is throughout the county. Commissioner Gallagher commented on Mr. McMahon's "firefighter's heart" because he is always putting out fires. Commissioner Dixon stated that Mr. McMahon was a gentleman and was always willing to answer a question. Commissioner Pretz remembered Mr. McMahon's work after the flood in Osawatimie in 2007, where he was there until all of the work was done, as he did in every crisis or major event. Chairman Roberts emphasized Mr. McMahon's investment in the people of Miami County and the legacy that he will leave behind.

Numerous colleagues, associates, friends, and family members came forward to congratulate Mr. McMahon on his successful career and on his retirement. They shared stories and thank you's, with Matt Kelly, Undersheriff, presenting Mr. McMahon a plaque on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. McMahon thanked all of the people that he has worked with throughout his tenure with the county, stating that he has learned from every one of them as much as they have from him. He shared that he enjoyed his time in this career, however for him, it was not about the single bridge, but being able to help create the infrastructure that will be used years into the future. He shared stories of the people he has been fortunate enough to work for and with, but "at the end of the day" was thankful for everyone there.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

(Seal)



Rob Roberts

Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White

Janet White, County Clerk