

**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 December 7, 2022. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Wendy Newton, Operation Specialist
George Pretz, Commissioner	

Visitors: Keith Diediker, Dan Creason, Donald Banks, MD, Jene Vickrey

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 November 30, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Chairman Roberts mentioned he would be signing the Lease Agreement with Great Southern Bank for Cops for Tots which was approved in the November 30th meeting. (A22-12-063)

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Dr. Donald Banks for 25 years as Medical Director, Local Health Official, and Coroner.

NEW BUSINESS

Sara Denney, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, requested the Commissioners consider approving a Resolution adopting the Miami County Organizational Chart. She said that this sets our official roster in Miami County. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R22-12-061)

Shelley Woodard, County Attorney, requested the Commissioners to consider approving a Resolution confirming the Board of County Commission Districts. Chairman Roberts stated the Commissioners choose not to redistrict this year since it would have been during the election process. Ms. Woodard stated that as the lines are drawn now, they are in compliance with no more than 10% difference between the lowest and highest population numbers per district. She also said that they will review these districts every 3 years. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve no change to the County's Commission Districts, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R22-12-062)

Shane Krull, County Administrator, stated that Action Item # 3 had an error on the agenda. Dr. Gray will not be acting as Coroner of Miami County.

Shelley Woodard, County Attorney, consider the appointment of Dr. Gray as Medical Director and Local Health Official for the Miami County Government. She said this appointment will start January 1st with a yearly stipend of \$20,000. Commissioner Pretz asked which county she was out of and where employed. Christena Beer, Health Department Director, responded that Dr. Gray is currently employed in Kansas City, Missouri and believes her residency is in Bonner Springs. She said that Dr. Gray will make herself available to us whether it be by phone, zoom or in person. Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Dr. Gray as Medical Director and Local Health Official for Miami County; Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R22-12-063).

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Dan Folsom to an additional 3-year term on Tri-Ko's board effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Vaughan stated that there could be more than 2 Commissioners at the City/County Summit being held at the Civic Center in Spring Hill on Tuesday 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Roberts stated that the Board of County Commission Chambers will be used as a Criminal Court Room starting this Friday and subsequently Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday's during the week at the discretion of the District Judge and would not impact the day-to-day activities of the Administration Building but will affect this room. He stated there will be four deputies assigned to this courtroom. He stated that their will be an exception for the County Clerk to hold her elections in this room when needed. He also said the County Commissioners will continue to meet in this room on Wednesday unless there is a jury trial, and the judge makes a request of us which we may accommodate.

Chairman Roberts stated he wanted to make sure the Commissioners were aware that Johnson County could be implementing a map having truck traffic restrictions around the intermodal. He said the County Counselor is looking into how this would affect Miami County and how the county would like to proceed. He said Johnson County said it was a safety issue due to the actions taken by Gardner closing 199th to trucks. Chairman Roberts stated that one of the reasons we have not restricted truck traffic is because we are an Agricultural County, and we protect our "Ag." Ag goes to market and 223rd street is a Farm to Market Road. We cannot restrict Ag trucks which would be done with truck restrictions. So, we are wanting to see how Johnson County justifies their actions and we are awaiting the County Counselor to get back to us on Miami County's options. Commissioner Vaughan asked that this be part of a study session for an in-depth discussion. He also wanted to make it clear that Miami County is not reacting to something that was done by Gardner or Johnson County. He stated the Commission has been concerned about this for many years. Chairman Roberts said that they had been looking at this for years and a temporary fix was to lower the speed limit as a way to minimize any speed element along the roads. He says this is a challenge to answer as we are an Ag County, and we protect our Ag transportation.

Chairman Roberts wanted to thank Tricia Lee, County Treasurer and Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director for assisting the County in securing new investments CDs at 4% interest for 90 days for idle funds. He stated it is not the County Commissioners role to secure funds, but they support that investment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

(Seal)




Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk