

**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 21, 2022. Those present were:

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

News: Doug Carder, Miami Republic News

Visitors: Eric Wingermuehle, Shay Hanysak, Shelby Hanysak, Keith Diediker, Gary Brockus, 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 December 14, 2022
- Approval of amended minutes of the county commission meeting on December 7, 2022
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities
- Add-On: Final Plat: 3 V Ranch & Cattle (22013-SUB)

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider an agreement with Forensic Medical Management Services, PLC for District Coroner and Forensics Services. Miami County is the home county for the 6th Judicial District. The coroner, Dr. Altaf Hossain or any appointed deputy coroner will have an annual fee of \$21,000 and each party of the Judicial District will share in that expense. He stated the second agreement was a continuation of services that Miami County has already received through Forensic Medical Management Services, PLC for autopsy and medical examiner services. He stated each county is responsible for the fees incurred in that county and will be invoiced separately. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve both agreements as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A22-12-065 & A22-12-066)**

Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider a resolution adopting the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan. He stated Miami County is a member of the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority which is comprised of six regional counties. These counties collaborate in ways that provide cost effective and environmentally sound disposal of solid waste with the intent to extend the life of all Kansas landfills. Shay Hanysak, Regional Coordinator, said this is an annual review with no content change but next year is the 5-year review and will be the overhaul which will go out for public comment and will be published, and hearings held. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R22-12-065)**

Lucas Mellinger, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider an agreement with OpenGov Software Services. He introduced Eric Wingermuehle, Account Executive with OpenGov, who did a presentation for the Board of County Commissioners. He stated this software will provide reporting and transparency and streamline the budget process along with allowing departments to see their current budget at any time for program planning and that this software will work seamlessly with the current CIC software

the county uses. Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, asked Mr. Wingbermuehle if there was something in the contract for non-appropriations of funds as in Kansas, we cannot bind future boards. He stated that the Cash Basis Law does take authority over the OpenGov agreement. Mr. Mellinger stated that this would be paid for out of the tech fund for this year and then added to the budget going forward. He stated year 1 would be \$83,077 for Implementation and Annual Software fees and then it would be \$31,277 for the next 4 years. Chairman Roberts stated that Miami County has had a balanced budget every year in the past and will continue to do so going forward and the county will continue to operate under the Cash Basis Law. He said this would be a better reporting system with more transparency and ultimately will be out on the web so our citizens could look and see exactly how the money is spent. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A22-12-067)

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider a resolution to increase the stipends for volunteer firefighters. He stated this resolution would increase the stipends paid to volunteers for responding to a call from \$30 to \$35 and the stipend for training and maintenance duties will increase from \$20 to \$35. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R22-12-066)

APPLICATIONS

Stacey Weaver, Deputy Clerk, stated there were 4 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses applications up for approval. These are for Express Stop in Marysville, We B Smokin' in Paola, Huskies Food Mart in Marysville, and Dollar General Store #22007 in Marysville. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Dave Delp, Code Services Director, recognized the retirement of Janet Kelley. He stated she has worked for Miami County since 2014 and thanked her for her dedication to her job.

STAFF COMMENTS

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, stated that Miami County was tagged for the 2023 cost data reporting for Medicare. He stated the report is due 5-months after January 1st and would allow Medicare to re-evaluate and review their rates. He stated that they are running about \$188,000 over budget estimate collections and that going with the new billing company has been really great and they have just submitted their first round to the collection agencies. He stated the estimated year end calls is approximately 4250 which is 150 short from last year. He then announced the promotion of Eliz Drake to Battalion Chief.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated the weather service is expecting snow totals of 2-4 inches but the big problem will be the wind chill factor with around 30 to 40 degrees below windchill and near blizzard conditions for tomorrow. Chairman Roberts stated that with that information he would suggest allowing the County Administrator to close for tomorrow, Thursday December 22nd and potentially on Friday for non-emergency personnel for the protection of our employees. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve; Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, stated they are prepared for this. He stated they were not concerned with the snow totals, but the biggest problem would be snow drifts. He stated that salt will not really do a lot and they will treat any slick spots. Commissioner Vaughan asked if the roads were pretreated, and Mr. Sandberg said they were not.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the Sheriff's Office has opened the Community Room as a warming center and Osawatomie Fire Department is planning to open the City Auditorium at noon tomorrow. He also stated the Paola and Osawatomie Fire Departments are planning to staff an engine overnight for the next two nights for quick response.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated that on Thursday December 22nd at 6pm there could be more than 2 Commissioners at the Miami County Republican Party to elect a new County Attorney at the Louisburg City Senior Center.

Commissioner Pretz motioned to appoint Leslie Belt as Osawatomie Township Clerk. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Gallagher motioned to appoint Gary Brockus to the Miami County Planning Commission. He stated he is a past planner for 24 years with AT&T and would take the place of Mark Oehlert. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Dixon motioned to re-appoint Topher Philgreen to the Miami County Planning Commission. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Vaughan stated that the plan is to have the County Counselor and the Road and Bridge Director to come back and let the board know what can and cannot be done around truck traffic around 223rd focused strictly on Miami County. This is slated for the third week of January.

Chairman Roberts stated the Commissioners have looked for many years what is legal for truck traffic in the Northwest part of the county. He said the two roads they are primarily concerned with are Gardner Rd North and South and 223rd St East and West. Those roads are Farm to Market Roads paid for and supported by the State of Kansas and the Federal Government and cannot be restricted. He wants to make sure that is true and what can be done.

Commissioner Pretz stated notice was received that there were funding opportunities with RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant program for 2023 and wanted to make sure it was being explored.

Commissioner Vaughan asked Mr. Krull, County Administrator, about where they were at in exploring the grant writing process. Mr. Krull stated there was a meeting with the city officials about 10 days ago and came to an agreement on mutual goals and after the holiday period will reach out to a few groups that do the grant writing aspect of it to see what can be done.

Chairman Roberts stated that at the MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) meeting there was some money not allocated and asked if it could be looked into requesting some funding to help us identify the truck issue.

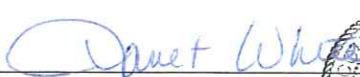
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

(Seal)


Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk

