

**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 February 1, 2023. Those present were:

George Pretz, Pro-Tem	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Keith Diediker, Commissioner	Shelley Woodard, County Counselor
Rob Roberts, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Jene Vickrey, Commissioner	Wendy Newton, Operation Specialist

Absent: Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

Visitors: Teresa Reeves

CALL TO ORDER

Pro-Tem Pretz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on January 25, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AND PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – Presentation for the Employee of the Month 4th Quarter 2022.

- October – Jason Leadbetter from Codes Department
- November – Sam Peace/John Fisher from Codes Department
- December – Angie Baumann from County Attorney Office but submitted when working in the Planning Department.

The Commissioners congratulated all the winners of the Employee of the Month Award

NEW BUSINESS

Lucas Mellinger, Finance Director, requested the Commissioners to consider a resolution waiving the generally accepted accounting practices (GAAP) requirements for the fiscal year 2023. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R23-02-006)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts welcomed the newly appointed County Attorney Colin Reynolds. Commissioner Roberts stated that among the people at the meeting today were incredible staff and employees for the county. He said that it was concerning to the commission that Mr. Reynolds had lost several staff members lately and wanted to ask how he would transition and move forward finding new attorneys and challenged Mr. Reynolds to do everything he can to hold onto the people you have. Commissioner Roberts stated that if there was anything the Commissioners could do to help him retain those employees, they would like to hear it because the job you have is monumental. Mr. Reynolds, County Attorney, stated that he very much appreciates his staff and over the last few weeks has gotten to see what they can do and that they go above and beyond the call every single day doing far more work than they should realistically have too just because of the nature of our staff currently. He said as it comes to filling the open spots he has been in touch with HR (Human Resources) as well as reaching out to several of his contacts across the area to try and identify people who could come in. He said we are in a tough spot right now as there are a lot of prosecutor openings

across the state it's just a problem that many counties are suffering with, we are just feeling it now where others have been over the last few months. He said that if he is unable to get people in the next few weeks, he will be approaching the Commission with steps to take to hopefully incentivize recruits and bring in the staff that this county deserves. Commissioner Roberts stated that this Commission would support whatever HR could do to help facilitate that search and would be open to any ideas to help retain the people that you already have. Commissioner Pretz asked if he could get any help from the Attorney General's Office in the interim? Mr. Reynolds stated he had reached out to them for help on 1-2 cases unfortunately their staffing shortages are about as bad as ours is. He stated they currently have a blanket freeze taking on cases to assist with, but he is working with them on making an exception for one of our larger cases which is very time intensive, and they are currently considering that case but are not in a position to provide general assistance.

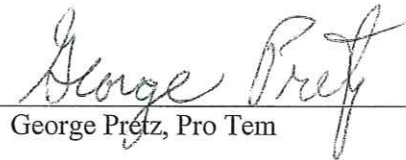
Commissioner Roberts stated that 2 or more Commissioners could be at the County Government Day on Thursday February 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Topeka at the rotunda area of the capital.

ADJOURNMENT

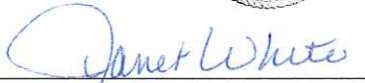
The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

(Seal)




George Pretz, Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk