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 8, 2023. Those present were:

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

News: Doug Carder, Miami Republic News
Visitors: Tom Bach

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on February 1, 2023
- Approval of AP payment vouchers
- Add-On: Order of Correction of Irregularities

Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider approving an agreement for funding increase for the Federal Lands Access Program Hillsdale Lake Access-Preliminary Engineering, Construction Contract, and Construction Engineering Modified Agreements. He said that the increase was for $98,000 which would come out of the quarter cent sales tax. He said the total project cost is $2,090,000 with a federal grant paying $1,672,000 which leaves $418,000 for Miami County. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-02-001)**

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to approve the project authorization and authorization to solicit for price proposals concerning the 2023 and 2024 Bridge Inspections. He said this is for the routine safety inspections which are federally mandated, and the amount would be around $40,000. He then said he would like to add that they rewrite the reports and do the GIS mapping to the scope of work. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to approve the Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Utility Relocation Agreement. He said the agreement with Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was for the relocation of their three-phase line around Bridge 1-F.2 located on 399th Street 0.12 mile east of Crescent Hill Road. The relocation is necessary to allow room for the bridge replacement. The cost of the relocation is $27,250. The breakdown of costs is as follows:

Materials-$6,100
Right-of-Way Clearing-$6,700
Staking, engineering, easements & oversight-$750
HREC equipment and labor-$13,700
Total Cost of Relocation: $27,250

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-02-002)**

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, requested the Commissioners to approve the updated pricing for Medic 2 ARPA remount. Chief Burrow stated the increase for the Medic 2 remount increased from $142,683 to $148,683 for a total of $6000. He also added that the Medic 7 new build increased from $234,895 to $245,396 for a total of $10,501. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve both increases as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider adopting and authorizing the County Administrator to sign Social Media Policy No. 060502. Chairman Vaughan asked Mr. Krull to have employees that work with the county's social media pages to sign off on the new social media policy and to have the policy sent to all elected officials of the county. Mr. Krull said he would make that happen. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Vickrey seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(A23-02-003)**

Shelley Woodard, County Counselor, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the proposed resolution for restricting certain truck traffic in Northern Miami County along local roads. She handed out maps of the truck routes (exhibit A) and the Resolution establishing a fine of $400. Chairman Vaughan asked if this is approved today how quickly could the signs be posted. Eric Sandberg, Road & Bridge Director, stated he could get them up in 2 weeks. Ms. Woodard stated if this is approved today, we would need to publish in the paper before it would go into effect. After some discussion among the Commission, it was decided to allow public comment.

Tom Bach, 32010 W 231st, said he had some concerns about limiting truck traffic in Miami County. His concerns were with the wording "or any authorized agent of Miami County" as he was worried someone other than an officer would not have the training or equipment to deal with an angry driver if they stopped them. He also had concerns for his neighbors who drive their trucks home after work and was worried about them being stopped and ticketed. He thanked the Commission for their time.

Ms. Woodard explained that this is for through truck traffic on local roads and would not affect those who are traveling home. Chairman Vaughan summarized the action being taken today. He stated the Resolution is to administer a penalty of a $400 fine for Class 7 or higher truck traffic on local roads spanning the maps provided as Exhibit A. He stated from a Commission standpoint it is a good start to address some of the concerns they have, and this is also trying to mitigate what could be a hefty tax liability inside infrastructure costs. Ms. Woodard stated this Resolution exempts the delivery of goods/services to and from the designated roadways, so it is only restricting through truck traffic that has no reason to stop. Chairman Vaughan stated perfection is hard, but it's a good first step and further research will be completed to see what else needs to be done by the Commission. Commissioner Vickrey moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Diediker seconded; Commissioner Pretz moved to amend the motion to remove the wording in Section V "or any authorized agent of Miami County", Commissioner Roberts seconded; the vote was 4 yay, 1 nay (Commissioner Vickrey) on the amended motion; they then voted on the first motion and that was unanimous. **(R23-02-007)**

COMMISSION SITTING AS THE FIRE BOARD

Chairman Vaughan started the Fire Board meeting at 1:51 p.m. Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated last year they responded to 1,313 calls with 711 of those being within the unincorporated part of the county and said there was $2.3 million in losses with response times staying pretty average throughout the year. He said there was a total of 3,268 training hours and the fire volunteers were happy with the increased stipend that was approved at the first of the year. He said 1,722 burn permits have been issued and with the adjustments to burning based on wind speeds that has significantly decreased the no burn days. He said Louisburg is considering joining the county burn permit system since there is no cost to maintain the system, they don't require burn permits but allow burning on Friday and Saturday and would like to keep better track. Chairman Vaughan closed the Fire District Board meeting at 1:58 p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS

Frank Burrow, EMS Chief, handed out paperwork from Sharp Access for the month of January. He stated that Sharp Access received the information for all open accounts from our previous billing company and will start working on getting those set up, reviewed, and billed. He stated EMS brought in $159,000 in revenue and they responded to 333 calls including 3 cardiac arrest and 6 Death Investigations. He said the LUCAS device will be put on the units after Thursday's training.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pretz stated that 2 or more Commissioners could be at the Legislative Breakfast being held at Osawatomie High school on Saturday February 11th from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Roberts moved to have a Land Acquisition Exception Executive Session to discuss a Potential Land Acquisition for 30 minutes beginning at 2:14 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator, and County Counselor. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Vaughan reconvened the regular meeting at 2:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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Tyler Vaughan, Chairman

ATTEST: Janet White

Janet White, County Clerk