

**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 May 26, 2021. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem	Sheila Schultz, County Counselor
George Pretz, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Casey d'Augereau, Executive Secretary
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	

News: Doug Carder, Republic Miami News

Visitors: Tom Bach, Rusty Gerken, Sam Moon, Jim Kaup

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 May 19, 2021
- Approval of AP payment vouchers and payroll
- Display Fireworks Permit Application No. 21002-TP; Stephen Kracht

Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Sara Denney, Human Resources, requested the Commissioners to consider approving a Tax Service Agreement with The Hartford Company. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the agreement with The Hartford Company, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A21-05-22)

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the purchase of an Unruh Fire Slide in Brush Unit for Miami County Fire District 1 – Paola Station. The existing slide in unit is worn out and has been used on two different vehicles over a period of 10 to 15 years. A quote was received from Unruh Fire in the amount of \$13,340.92. Commissioner Dixon moved to authorize the purchase, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sara Denning, Human Resources, requested the Commissioners to consider approving an additional bank account for Payroll Purposes for Discovery Benefits. This will be for deposits and withdrawals for the Health Savings Accounts for the employees. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve opening a new bank account for Payroll purposes on Flexible Spending; Commissioner Vaughan seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving an additional bank account for American Rescue Plan Funds through First Option Bank. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve opening a new bank account for American Rescue Plan Funds; Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Kenneth Cook, Planning, requested the Commissioners to consider an application to rezone approximately 7.82 acres of Countryside (CS) to Commercial (C-2) in accordance with Sections 8 and 22 of the Miami County, Kansas Zoning Regulations. The property is located approximately 800' west of Old KC Rd, on the south side of Eagle Dr, and directly to the West of the existing Gerken Rent-All business in the SW ¼ of Section 20, Twp 17, Range 23, Paola Twp. Submitted by Gerken Rent-All Inc., property owner of record. The Planning Commission voted 7 yes to 0 no. Sheila Schultz, County Counselor, questioned if all the Golden Criteria was addressed one by one. Mr. Cook replied yes, and it is included on the documents provided to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve converting the Countryside (CS) property to Commercial (C-2) property as described; Commissioner Pretz seconded. Chairman Roberts addressed Rusty Gerken, questioning what the plan is to dispose of the waste from the commodes. Mr. Gerken stated they will take it to Johnson County. The vote was unanimous. (R21-05-018)

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STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the Commissioners on the current status of COVID-19. Currently MICO has 2,773 cases, an increase of 7 since May 19, 2021 with only 8 active cases. There have been no new variances in MICO and no new deaths from COVID-19.

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, commented on the following:

- Stated there was flooding last week and the Emergency Response Team did a good job posting it on Facebook and getting the information out to the public.
- Keith Browning is a local road engineer, his articles are published in the KAC, Kansas Association of Counties, Mr. McMahon spent some time with Keith this morning looking over the way MICO Road & Bridge does dust control. Mr. Browning plans to write an article on dust control spot lighting MICO.
- Road & Bridge paved 399th Street from US 69 to the entrance of Wildwood for the new radio tower. This was completed May 25, 2021.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Gallagher moved to appoint Glen Alpert to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Commissioner Pretz seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts presented Sheila Schultz a plaque for being a part of MICO's team as the County Counselor. Ms. Schultz's last day as County Counselor will be May 31, 2021. Ms. Schultz thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve MICO.

Chairman Roberts stated there have been some rumors about the Petition for the proposed City of Golden. There have been no decisions made in regard to the petition, the Commissioners and Counselor is waiting for all information before a decision will be made. There will be a public hearing held on June 23, 2021 at the Paola Middle School from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., they encourage anyone wanting to be heard to show up. If a resident wishes to be heard and cannot make the meeting they are allowed to email or mail their comments to the Clerk's office by June 11, 2021. No one working for MICO has been given permission to make comments in regard to the petition.

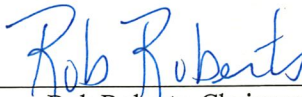
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Attorney/Client Privilege Executive Session to discuss Golden for 30 minutes beginning at 1:41 to include the Commissioners; Shane Krull, County Administrator; Sheila Schultz, County Counselor; and Jim Kaup, Special County Counselor; Commissioner Dixon seconded, the vote was unanimous. Reconvened at 2:11. Commissioner Gallagher moved to continue the discussion for another 60 minutes beginning at 2:15; Commissioner Vaughan seconded, the vote was unanimous. Regular meeting reconvened at 3:15, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

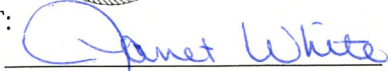
The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.





Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:



Janet White, County Clerk