

**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 Commissioners' Meeting Room, Miami County Administration Building, Paola, Kansas, on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Danny Gallagher, Pro-Tem	David Heger, County Counselor
George Pretz, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Tyler Vaughan, Commissioner	Tiffany Taylor, Deputy Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	

Members of the Press, Via Phone: No Press Attended

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Minutes of the County Commission meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Approval of payment vouchers and payroll

Add Ons- Request for proposal for CDBG-CV Administration

Emergency Declaration for Miami County Kansas

Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Roberts opened the floor at 1:03 for the public hearing for the CDBG CV, Community Development Block Grant, Economic Development Application. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 1:05.

Janet McRae, Economic Development Director, requested the Commissioners to consider adopting the proposed resolution and authorizing the Chairman to sign related documents as required to submit the County's CDBG-CV application to the Kansas Department of Commerce. **(R20-05-003)** There is \$9,000,000.00 available in the CDBG-CV Grant. Miami County, is requesting the maximum amount possible at \$300,000.00. The money will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Receiving funds, has a less than two week turn around upon review. Commission Pretz moved to approve the request and Commissioner Dixon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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Rita McKoon, Miami County Health Department Director, gave an update based on the State of Kansas' most recent information. Ms. McKoon stated there is 9,337 cases as of today and 205 deaths. There has been 75,151 negative tests reported in Kansas. Miami County has 7 cases, one of which is current. We have completed 747 tests 21.8 per 1,000 people. Case positivity rate for Miami County is .2 per 1,000 people.

Miami County is seeking a CDBG-CV Grant Award from Kansas Department of Commerce. Should the funds awarded, the county would need to hire a grant coordinator. Staff is recommending the acceptance proposal from Western Consultants DBA Governmental Assistant Services for the administration services pending an award to Miami County from Kansas Department of Commerce. We are going to go ahead and award the Grant Administrator position. If we are awarded no money, there will be no cost for the Grant Administrator. All costs for the Grant Administration will be funded by the grant itself. The maximum cost of the administration is \$15,000.00. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts presented a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency for Miami County. There was a lengthy conversation this morning in Work Study about Governor Kelly vetoing a law that was passed by the legislature that was passed to share responsibility between Governor Kelly and the legislature. There is a planned call back for Legislature next week. The Commission authorized drafting of a New Disaster Declaration for Miami County. There are currently no new orders from Miami County but the Commission is strongly encouraging people to follow guidance from the CDC and from our Kansas Department of Health and Environment, local health directors and their private medical provider. Should the State Government create a new directive, it would most likely override the county. There are no restrictions in Miami County as of now. Chairman Roberts stated we have a personal responsibility to ourselves and each other. Miami County offices will not be opening to the public until June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will be putting things in place so County Services can be safely provided to you as a citizen. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pretz stated that we need to mention that legislature was vetoed by the Governor so we have no guidance. The Governor rescinded her Ad Astra Plan so we have no guidance there. We encourage and suggest that people follow all guidance we get. Commissioner Roberts stated the best thing our County Commissioners could do is suggest that we follow the guidance we have been given.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

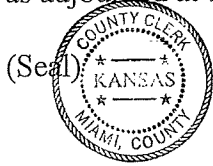
Commissioner Gallagher stated that he is glad that discretion went back to the counties regarding Covid-19 regulations. We are encouraging citizens to follow guidelines put out by the CDC and State and Local health departments. Counties should be able to set their own rules if they need to.

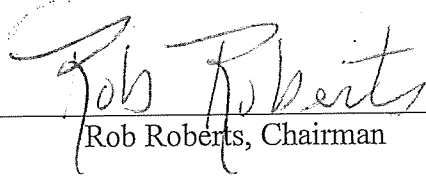
Commissioner Dixon inquired about putting all Federal, State and Local Regulations regarding Covid-19 on our website. There will be a link available for citizens to refer to and do their own homework as soon as it's available.

Chairman Roberts stated he has a friend that is currently fighting for his life from Covid-19. He is within 5% of losing his life. This is a real deal. Mr. Roberts said the Commissioners know this is real and understand that almost 100,000 American Citizens have lost their life to this. Our citizens are smart and know how to take care of themselves and know how to run their businesses. The Commission believes citizens are going to do the right thing and for the right reasons.

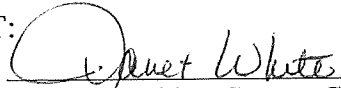
### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.



  
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Janet White, County Clerk