

**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 July 1st, 2020. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Debbie Mize, Vickie Vetter-Scruggs, Samantha Poetter, Mike Martin, Jeremy McCoy, Wyatt Waters, Tammy Harris, Michelle Kaiser, Christy Knop, and Stacy Miles

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Martin, Louisburg, KS, asked the Commissioners to please not pass an order in agreeance with the Governor to wearing a mask while in public. Mr. Martin stated he has medical issues that prevent him from wearing a mask. He believes his freedom is restricted by being told he has to wear a mask. Chairman Roberts asked for a show of hands with similar feelings as Mr. Martin, eight of the public members present raised their hands. Chairman Roberts stated the Governor is scheduled to address the Kansas residents July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 announcing her orders. Once the Governor's address to Kansas is over, the Commissioners plan to have a meeting as soon as possible.

Debbie Mize, Louisburg, KS, stated her husband is unable to wear a mask due to health issues. Oxygen levels go down when anyone wears a mask and it is not healthy for anyone regardless of their health conditions. Ms. Mize asked the Commissioners to pass an order that allows individuals to make their own informed decision to wear or not to wear a mask.

Vickie Vetter-Scruggs, Paola, KS, requested the Commissioners to protect the rights of the citizens of Miami County. Ms. Vetter-Scruggs stated the citizens have the right to good health and if someone chooses not to eat healthy or exercise the neighbors should not have to bear the burden of those individuals. Ms. Vetter-Scruggs asked that mask wearing be voluntarily and not mandated.

Stacy Miles, Paola, KS, discussed the issue of rail-road (RR) tracks. There is a set of RR tracks north side of Paola crumbling. She bought a vehicle 4 years ago and has already replaced the rear suspension of the vehicle due to the RR tracks not being maintained. She received a contact name and number and has spoken with the individual and nothing is being done about it by the RR. Ms. Miles also spoke about a new bridge west of town already full of pot holes and Lone Star Rd between 287 & 399 is caving in with a big crack that may cause issues for motorcyclist. Chairman Roberts said the bridge west of Paola that she is concerned with is on the books to be taken care of this year and stated he will have Road and Bridge look at the issue with Lone Star Rd. Chairman Roberts asked Ms. Miles to give the contact name and number to the Miami County Clerk and stated Miami County will be in touch with the individual.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Approval of payment vouchers
- Final Plat / Dedications and Easements / 19001-SUB Barn Country (R20-07-001)
- Display Fireworks Permit / Stephen Kracht
- 2019 Tax Year Neighborhood Revitalization Plan rebate \$31,041.82

With an Add-on that will be known as action agenda #7:

- KDOC – Adult Services Comprehensive Plan Grant in the amount of \$296,325.69

Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Shane Krull, Administrator, requested the Commissioners to approve the Chairman to sign an agreement for the Water Tower Attachment Communication. The initial five (5) year term of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, extending for four (4) additional terms of five years each on same terms and conditions. As this is a public safety purpose which benefits all the citizens of Miami County and the owners' water service area there is no rent involved. Miami County agrees to install a chain link fence around the water tower and upgrade the emergency generator to allow for the Public Utility Authority to utilize. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the Water Tower agreement regarding the 800MHz radio system, Commissioner Gallagher seconded. The vote was unanimous. (A20-07-001)

Cathy Cooper, Community Corrections Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approval for the Sixth Judicial District Community Corrections, KDOC, Juvenile Services SFY2021 Comprehensive Plan Grant and Budget Application, requesting the Commission Chairman to provide signatory approval of the documents. This grant is in the amount of \$464,356.96. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the application for the grant money, Commissioner Vaughan seconded. The vote was unanimous. (A20-07-002)

Cathy Cooper, Community Corrections Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approval for the Sixth Judicial District Community Corrections, KDOC, Juvenile Services SFY2021 Regional Grant Application, requesting the Commission Chairman to provide signatory approval of the documents. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the grant application in the amount of \$101,964, Commissioner Gallagher seconded. The vote was unanimous. (A20-07-003)

Cathy Cooper, Community Corrections Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approval for the Sixth Judicial District Community Corrections, KDOC, Juvenile Services SFY2021 Reinvestment Plan Grant and Budget Application, requesting the Commission Chairman to provide signatory approval of the documents. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the grant application in the amount of \$90,152, Commissioner Dixon seconded. The vote was unanimous. (A20-07-004)

Cathy Cooper, Community Corrections Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approval for the Sixth Judicial District Community Corrections, KDOC, Juvenile Services SFY2021 Behavioral Health Grant and Budget Application, requesting the Commission Chairman to provide signatory approval of the documents. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the grant application in the amount of \$ 156,915.04, Commissioner Pretz seconded. The vote was unanimous. (A20-07-005)

Cathy Cooper, Community Corrections Director, discussed the add-on approved at the beginning of the meeting, she requested the Commissioners to consider approval for the Sixth Judicial District

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Community Corrections, KDOC, Adult Services Comprehensive Plan Grant Application, requesting the Commission Chairman to provide signatory approval of the documents. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the grant application in the amount of \$296,325.69, Commissioner Pretz seconded. The vote was unanimous. (A20-07-006)

Rita McKoon, Miami County Health Department Director, stated Miami County, MICO, has had 2 cases hospitalized, both recovered and home now and there have been no deaths in MICO related to COVID-19. Ms. McKoon stated there hasn't really been any asymptomatic, there have been a couple people with very mild symptoms. As of June, 29, 2020 the State of Kansas reported a total of 14,990 confirmed cases which is an increase of 553 from June 24, 2020; 272 deaths and 168,183 negative test results. In MICO there have been 34 confirmed cases, 11 are active and 23 are recovered. There are 7 still under investigation because of the large gatherings involved. All testing completed at North Point Nursing Home were negative. There were 407 tests completed at Osawatomie State Hospital on June 29, 2020 and June 30, 2020, still waiting on the results of the tests. There were 7 people quarantined that were at the Louisburg Swimming Pool.

**APPLICATIONS**

Janet White, County Clerk, advised the Fraternal Order of Eagles is requesting authorization to have a consumer fireworks display at dusk on July 10, 2020. They currently do not have the bond in place that is required. Jeremy McCoy, Paola, KS, stated their insurance company is working on the bond at this time and they anticipate having the bond before the date of the event. The event is available to the public. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the permit pending the bond, Commissioner Vaughan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Janet White, County Clerk, updated on the petition received in opposition of the USD 367 recreation commission wanting to raise their mill levy. The school board has been notified it is a sufficient petition.

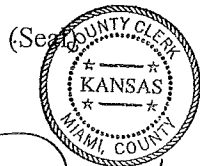
**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Dixon moved to authorize Chairman to sign a contract with KU Management to assist the county in the administration of the Care Act Funds not to exceed \$112,000 using 5 strike teams. Commissioner Gallagher seconded. Commissioner Vaughan asked that Mr. Krull have this on the weekly Study Session. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the County Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution. The resolution outlines how we are going to administer and operate the Corona Care Funds. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R20-07-001a)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



ATTEST:

*Janet White*  
Janet White, County Clerk

*Rob Roberts*  
Rob Roberts, Chairman