

**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 August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Those present were:

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

Visitors: James B Francis, Gerald Rittinghouse, David Clark, Patty Trull, Peter Trull

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Peter Trull was interested in hearing about the Spark Money that Miami County will be receiving. Mr. Trull was part of the Spark Committee and was curious if they were going to cover it in today's meeting. Mr. Krull stated that it was part of the study session this morning and will be discussed next week at the meeting and the Commissioners will be making a decision on a criteria that they are selecting and that KU will facilitate and assist in drafting a proposals to send to the state finance council by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Approval of payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Roberts opened the public hearing for the 2021 Budget Public Hearing at 1:05 pm. 2020 operating budgets for Miami County Bucyrus Lights and Sirens, Hillsdale Lights and Sirens, Fire District #1 and Fire District #2. Budgets are published in the Miami County Republic and on the county websites and are available for anyone who wants to view the budgets. Commissioner Gallagher stated that they have all worked on these budgets for four months now and have had many meetings. Chairman Roberts asked Mr. Krull to speak about the budgets. Mr. Krull explained we send out notice to departments in March for departments to report back. In Mid to late May, departments and external agencies have presentations with Commissioners and shape the budgets based on recommendations from the Commission. The public notice goes to the newspaper in Mid-July and in August a Public Hearing is held and Budgets are presented to the Commission for final consideration. Chairman Roberts stated that the meetings are all public and in the Commission Chambers or in the conference room upstairs. We open the books and tell you where the money went and how we intend to spend the rest of this year and what we intend to do next year and discuss at length the amount of money it takes to make the budget happen. Many people will see a slight increase in their taxes because the property value went up. The Commission didn't vote to increase the mill levy, nor did they vote to reduce it. The public hearing was adjourned at 1:08 P.M.

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Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the 2021 Miami County Operating Budget. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the 2021 Miami County Operating Budget, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

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Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the 2021 Hillsdale Lights and Sirens Budget. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the 2021 Miami County Operating Budget, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the 2021 Fire District No. 1 Budget. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the 2021 Miami County Operating Budget, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the 2021 Fire District No. 2 Budget. Commissioner Vaughan wanted to show appreciation for Chief Francis. The County renewed a contract with Johnson County for another two years. The County and the Fire Department went above and beyond this year to make sure citizens are protected. We are increasing the mill levy from 3.06 this year to 5.0 next year and taking on responsibility for future planning inside the fire district. Commissioner Vaughan and Chairman Roberts both thanked Chief Francis for all his work to continue coverage. The commission is committed to seeing what the other opportunities are beyond the two years. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve the 2021 Miami County Operating Budget, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

David Heger, County Counselor, requested the Commissioners to consider closing general public access to a portion of 319<sup>th</sup> Street from Pleasant Valley Road to the Miami-Franklin County Line. The road has not been maintained by the County for years. Mr. McMahon supports this and said we are going to keep the right of way. There will be a gate installed by the land owner who is responsible for maintaining the gate so the utility company and Road and Bridge can still access it if needed. The specifications for the gate will be provided by Road and Bridge and it will be as wide as needed. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve a resolution closing a portion of 319<sup>th</sup> Street from Pleasant Valley Road to the Miami-Franklin County Line to the general public, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

David Heger, County Counselor, requested the Commissioners to consider closing general public access to a portion of 231<sup>st</sup> Terrace west of Victory Road to 1,700 feet. Mr. McMahon is in favor of this and said it doesn't affect any utility companies. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve a resolution closing 1,700 foot portion of 231<sup>st</sup> Terrace west of Victory Road. Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

David Heger, County Counselor, requested the Commissioners to authorize signing a Notice to View Partition Fence at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 25 East; Miami County, Kansas. The viewing will take place August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Pretz moved to sign the notice of viewing with Arnold C. & Mary Jo Weers and Jeffrey B. Weinstein, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**APPLICATIONS**

Janet White, County Clerk, stated that we conducted the August 4th, 2020 Primary. The 2020 Primary Audit will be conducted on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The Secretary of State's office will pick the races but we pick the precincts. We will pick one democratic and one republican in hopes that we catch the right area. The races that will be audited this time will be one Federal Race, one State Race and one County Race that is contested. Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Gallagher drew the selections. Commissioner Gallagher congratulated Janet on her win for County Clerk. There will be a Canvass on August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Roberts wanted to make note that he will not be part of the Canvass because he served as a Supervising Judge during the election. Sheriff Kelly will be replacing him. Commissioner Vaughan will not be present for the Canvass and is searching for a replacement.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Rita McKoon, Health Department Director, stated the State of Kansas last reported 29,717 confirmed cases, and 368 deaths. Miami County has tested 2,878 with a total of 133 confirmed cases. Ms. McKoon stated that the health department is doing school immunizations by appointment.

JR McMahon, Road and Bridge Director, gave an update on a few items:

- The Chip & Seal Program is about 25% completed
- Road and Bridge is pushing to complete 80 miles of Chip & Seal Maintenance. They are waiting for sales tax money that comes in at the end of the month for this project. It costs around \$8,000.00 per mile to prolong the life of the asphalt.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Chairman Roberts thanked Commissioner Gallagher for attending RWD #3 District meeting and securing the contract for our next radio tower. It will be a key part in the South West part of the County with the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department and EMS. RWD #3 hung a radio on their tower and said they couldn't be happier to entertain the Radio System on their water tower. The only thing they requested from the county is a fence around the tower and weed killer a couple of times a year. The radio will help everyone from Linn County to Southern Johnson County.

Chairman Roberts wanted to compliment the County Clerk. Chairman Roberts has had the privilege to attend Election Worker Training many times. Janet does a fantastic job in training people and is so adamant about it being right. She is also adamant about training people. For the time that our clerk and their department put in to Elections, they deserve an applause. They did a stellar job!

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

(Seal)



*Rob Roberts*  
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

*Janet White*  
Janet White, County Clerk