

**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 February 12th, 2020. Those present were:

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:

Herb Tressler, Paola, KS	Doug Carder, Republic News
Teresa Tressler, Paola, KS	

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Tressler, Lone Star Rd, Paola, KS, read from his written comments (a copy of his written comments were emailed to the Clerk's office). He stated that he visited with the Commissioners March 2019 trying to get a better understanding of how the Commissioners make their decisions on which county roads need paved and when to pave them. Mr. Tressler was reviewing the Miami County website and found there was a 10 year plan for paving county roads in 1995 which is still available on the Road and Bridge Department website. According to this plan Lone Star Rd between K-68 Highway and 287th Street should have been paved approximately 15 years ago. Mr. Tressler asked if the money budgeted for paving Lone Star Road is still available or what happened to the money? Mr. Tressler said he has noticed improvements on other county roads that were not on the list for improvements and asked why those roads were improved and not Lone Star Road. Mr. Tressler questioned if there is firm planning and actual commitment based on logical measurable criteria and honest statements made by the Commissioners. He questioned if the Commissioners have actually driven the county roads and developed a firm understanding of the condition of the roads and what action needs to be taken. He thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to speak today and asked them to give some reconsideration and higher priority to Lone Star Road. The Commissioners thanked him for his comments and concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the County Commission meeting of February 5th, 2020
- Approval of payment vouchers
- Grant of Easement 19017-LS (Pensco/Hadel) **R20-02-001**
- Remove Action Agenda item 2

Add-on:

- Paola Fire Station equipment

Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

JR McMahon, Road and Bridge Director, requested the County Commissioners to consider approving Department of Road and Bridge to solicit bids for chip and seal road oil for the 2020 construction season. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve Road and Bridge to solicit bids for the 2020 construction season's road oil. Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, requested the County Commissioners to consider authorizing project 20-03-SB (672) FAS 250 Rehabilitation located on Hedge Lane .77 mile north of 383rd Street and sign KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) Form 1302. Due to the substantial rains received in this area last year it created road deterioration. Mr. Oehlert contacted KDOT to check on availability of federal funds to help with the project. Funds were available at an 80/20 split leaving Miami County's committal for project funding in the amount of \$40,000.00. Commissioner Gallagher moved to authorize Road and Bridge to work with KDOT for the funding of project 20-03-SB (672) FAS 250. Commissioner Vaughan seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the County Commissioners to consider removing the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for the Wellsville Tower from the action agenda until the Planning Department has received complete legal description from the applicant. Commissioner Dixon moved to remove this item until the legal description is obtained from the applicant. Commissioner Pretz seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the County Commissioners to authorize accepting the KA-Comm, Inc. equipment bid of \$16,335.68 to equip the new Paola Fire Station command vehicle being purchased by the City of Paola. Two bids were received: TFM \$16,525.50 and KA-Comm, Inc. \$16,335.68. Fire Chief Andy Martin recommended accepting the KA-Comm, Inc. bid. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the bid for KA-Comm, Inc and to authorize Chairman Roberts to sign. Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous.

REPORTS FROM STAFF, COMMITTEES, OFFICERS

Shane Krull, County Administrator, gave an update from a meeting on February 11th, 2020 with Miami County Staff, Olson & Associates, Miami County Airport Consultants, and Kansas Heavy Construction for the airport traffic way project. Miami County Airport was issued roughly \$950,000.00 about a year ago for this project. The plan is to make a decision for a start date this spring, hopefully in March or April. Everything seems to be lining up and should be ready to go once the start date is set. There will be an extensive amount of dirt work done, so the start date will depend on the weather. This project will take approximately 35 days and the staff wants to minimize the shutdown of the run way and traffic congestion. This project will help improve the safety at the airport.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Roberts asked Mr. Oehlert and Mr. McMahon if either of them could address any of Mr. Tressler's comments and concerns at this time and stated he doesn't expect them to have a complete answer to all of Mr. Tressler's comments and concerns as they need time to review everything Mr. Tressler had presented. Mr. Oehlert said there is plans of replacing a culvert in that area. Road & Bridge was planning to replace the culvert last year, but due to Federal regulations it was not able to be replaced last year. Mr. Oehlert has been researching the best plan in regards to safety and finances. Commissioner Pretz asked if the funding for Lone Star Road is still available. Mr. Oehlert said all money is still in the budget for that project and will remain there until they start the project. Mr. McMahon replied that the roads to be paved is based on the Commissioners' decisions, 50% of the budget was being spent on 2% of the traffic and they requested the plan be reassessed. Mr. McMahon stated they paved some county roads 3 years ago, the pavement ended up too thin and couldn't hold up to the increased traffic. The plan was for local roads and local roads only. That plan needs to be revamped. Mr. McMahon and Mr. Oehlert have been working on new engineering options for these roads as well as Lone Star Road to assure once paved they will hold up to the heavier traffic flow. Chairman Roberts told Mr. Tressler he knows they haven't answered all the questions and concerns he presented today but hopes they have answered some of them. Chairman Roberts said they will review the written comments and concerns and look into Lone Star Road's situation.

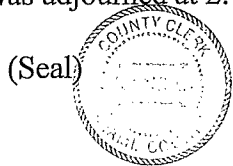
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shane Krull, County Administrator, called for an Executive Session to discuss the security of the Miami County buildings. Mr. Krull requested the following people be present in the Executive Session: County Commissioners, Shane Krull, David Heger, Steve Lyman, Jim Sterling, Bryce Thomas, Holly Ray, Judge Harth and Rich Larson. The Executive Session began at 1:40 p.m. to be no more than 30 minutes. Commissioner Pretz moved to recess to executive session. Commissioner Vaughan seconded, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Roberts requested everyone leave the Commissioners Chambers while the Executive Session is in order.

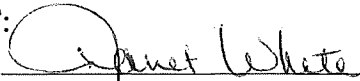
The regular Commissioners Meeting was called back to order at 2:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.




Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Janet White, County Clerk