

**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 February 17th, 2021. Those present were:

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

Visitors: Tom Bach, Kari Bradley, Sam Moon

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Moon, Assistant to City Manager of Osawatomie and Public Information Officer, gave an update on Osawatomie's power and water situation. Osawatomie has been dealing with both power and water issues due to the freezing temperatures. City of Osawatomie is at an Emergency Energy Alert 2 (EEA2) and now has the main source of water frozen. City of Osawatomie pulls water from the Marais Des Cygnes. Due to the frozen line the water tower is low, once it gets to 20% a boil order will go into effect.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on February 10th, 2021
- Approval of payment vouchers and payroll

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Pretz moved to appoint Darryl White as the Noxious Weed Supervisor for 2021, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Darryl White, Noxious Weed Supervisor, presented the 2020 eradication report and 2021 Noxious Weed Management Plan requesting the Commissioners to consider approving the management plan. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the 2021 Noxious Weed Management Plan as presented, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing Chairman to award and execute the contract agreement with Baldrige Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$13,575 for Project 19-01-SB (668) Evening Star Culvert Replacement, located on Evening Star Road 0.28 mile south of US 169 Hwy. Commissioner Pretz moved to award and execute the contract with Baldrige Engineering, LLC for Project 19-01-SB (668) not to exceed \$13,575, Commissioner Dixon seconded. Chairman Roberts stated for the record this is a sole-source contract. The vote was unanimous. (C21-02-004)

STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the Commissioners on COVID-19 in Miami County (MICO). MICO has received 3,900 doses of the vaccine and 2,451 doses have been administered. 650 Doses to be reallocated to local pharmacies in MICO for first shots to be given to school staff and daycares, the remaining doses to be reallocated to Lakemary Center to 2nd round shots to be given by appointment on February 19th, 2021. As of February 17th, 2021, there have been 2,406 cases, number of active cases is unknown, there are 2 new clusters being investigated, and there have been 28 deaths.

Chairman Roberts thanked everyone for the help they have provided to MICO Health Department in the last few weeks to put together a solid team. Janet White, County Clerk, for getting volunteers to schedule appointments; the Human Resource Department for getting the volunteers screened and processed; Sara Denny for working with Civic Plus; and Mark Whelan for keeping us informed.

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, stated he has worked for the county for 37 years and has worked with Tom Bach for 30ish years. Mr. McMahon stated now that he knows of Mr. Bach's involvement with the Hillsdale area his respect has grown more for Mr. Bach.

Mr. McMahon stated the Road & Bridge equipment does pretty good until we hit temperatures of -10 degrees, currently have a couple pieces of equipment not running due to the cold temperatures. Currently working overtime to keep the roads cleared.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dixon stated there will be Miami County Republican Party will be having a meeting on February 25th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Timber Creek in Louisburg, KS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Executive Session to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege Exception for 45 minutes beginning at 1:39. No action is anticipated, Shane Krull, County Administrator and Sheila Schultz, County Counselor will also be in attendance. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. Regular meeting reconvened at 2:23, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.



Rob Roberts
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White
Janet White, County Clerk