

**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 March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Those present were:

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

**Absent:** Danny Gallagher, Commissioner

**News:** Doug Carder, Republic News

**Visitors:** Ted Beauchamp, Sid Fleming, David Warm, Sam Moon, Kari Bradley, Mark Govea, Mike Scanlon, Nathan Law, Shay Hanyak, Marilyn Roberts

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Roberts stated the Commissioners have not voted for the mask mandate in the past and have never implemented one, however the Governor of Kansas did implement a mandate under Executive order #2068 which will expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The Commissioners will allow the mandate to end and do not foresee taking any action to implement a mask mandate in the future. Chairman Roberts then opened the floor for public comments.

Ted Beauchamp, 23205 Moonlight Road, Spring Hill, wanted to make the Commissioners aware of the comments made by Patrick Robinson from NorthPoint Developments to the Edgerton City Council. Mr. Robinson used Miami County as an example of development using our comprehension plan. Suggesting that Miami County have made plans to develop the area in Northwest Miami County which is currently designated as rural residential and rural agricultural. Mr. Beauchamp wanted the land to remain designated as is and did not want it changed. He believes that the words of our plan were misconstrued to show that Miami County was in favor of logistic development and wanted the Commissioners to make a statement that this was not the intention of Miami County. Chairman Roberts stated that it is the landowners right to sell or be annexed and he did not want to step on those rights but thanked Mr. Beauchamp for bringing it to their attention.

Mike Scanlon, City Manager of Osawatomie, thanked the Commissioners, Sherriff Kelly, Mark Whelan and the Shane Krull, County Manager, and his Staff for being at the forefront in making Senate Bill 88 a reality. The action started in Miami County, and became the model for the rest of the state on how to proceed in declaring a State of Emergency due to the deep freeze this last February. Because of the quick action taken by Miami County this allowed the Cities to declare their own State of Emergency. Osawatomie and Louisburg are to receive 3.4 Million in aid borrowed over 10 years at ¼ of 1% to reduce the impact to their residents. He applauded the Commissioners, their staff, and their leadership. Chairman Roberts thanked his staff, especially Debbie Oehlert, Shane Krull, County Administrator, and Janet McRae, Director of Economic Development. Commissioner Dixon thanked Nathan Law, City Administrator of Louisburg.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Approval of minutes of the fire board meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
- Approval of payment vouchers and payroll
- Grant of Easement – 21011-LS through 21014-LS (Louis Allen, LLC) (A21-03-010)
- Grant of Easement – 20019-LS (Robinson & Budd) (A21-03-011)
- Add-on: Agreement with Legacy Contractors for damages by Waste Management at the Transfer Station. (A21-03-012)

Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

### **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

Shane Krull, Administrator, introduced David Warm from Mid-American Regional Counsel (MARC). Chairman Roberts joined the MARC Board in 2013, was elected to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair in 2017 and 2018; Chair in 2019 and 2020. David Warm, on behalf of MARC, thanked Chairman Roberts for his time and leadership, especially during the pandemic. Mr. Warm wanted to personally thank Chairman Roberts for his steady and extraordinary leadership, commitment to vision of this region and his ambassadorship.

Mark Govea, Mayor of Osawatomie, read a Proclamation from the City of Osawatomie that March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be known as Rob Roberts Day.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the annual budget resolution for Hillsdale Lights & Sirens, Fire 1 and Fire 2 expressing the property taxation policy. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the 2021 annual budget resolution for Hillsdale lights and sirens, Miami County Fire 1 & Fire 2, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R21-03-009, R21-03-010, R21-03-011)

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize soliciting bids for the 2021 asphalt program Project 21-02-CO (677). Bids will be let on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Opening April 13<sup>th</sup> and award on April 20<sup>th</sup>. This project is approximately 2.2 Million dollars. Commissioner Dixon moved to authorize Project 21-02-CO (677), Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

JR McMahan, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the repairs to the Transfer Station. There are 3 area that have been damaged by Waste Management. Requesting Legacy Contractors be allowed to complete the repairs in the amount of \$14,304 understanding Waste Management will reimburse Miami County for the repairs. The Agreement was submitted as \$15,302.00 but with the tax-exempt certificate, the amount lowers by \$998 so the total now becomes \$14,304. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the repairs by Legacy Contractors with Waste Management repaying Miami County, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A21-03-012)

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

JR McMahan stated that the bid out of two 1-ton trucks happened but there were no bidders due to it being during a “dead” time when the dealerships are not taking orders. Mark Hays, Road & Bridge foreman, is getting ahold of the local dealerships to find out the best time to bid out the project. Once Mr. McMahan gets that information the project will be sent out for bid again.

Shane Krull, County Administrator updated the Commissioners on the COVID-19 for Miami County with a report from the Health Department. In Miami County there are currently 7 active cases, a total of 2612 recovered and 41 deaths. Clinics are being held today, tomorrow, and Friday. MICO received 900 Moderna vaccines this week. There were 170 people vaccinated on 3/11/21, 180 on 3/12/21 and 677 on 3/15/21. Commissioner Vaughan requested to know where we are with people wanting to be vaccinated to who have received the vaccines.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Pretz moved to nominate four new appointments to the MICO Council on Aging. The nominees are as follows: Lorna McCrea from Osawatomie, Mary Jackson from Paola, Norma Kiser from Osawatomie, and Sally Greene from Louisburg. Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts thanked David Warm, Mark Govea and the City of Osawatomie for the great honors bestowed to him.

Commissioners did attend the groundbreaking for the new 911 tower at 399<sup>th</sup> and 69 Highway. This will be the last of 5 towers and will provide comprehensive and state of the art coverage for the entire county.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege Exception for 15 minutes. The subject to be discussed is legal action with no action anticipated starting at 2:00 p.m. to include the Commissioners, County Administrator and County Counselor. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m., no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

(Seal)



Rob Roberts  
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White  
Janet White, County Clerk