# 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 on Zoom, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Miami County Administration Building, Paola, Kansas, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Those present were:

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

Members of the Press, Via Phone: Doug Carder, Republic News

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., slight delay due to technical difficulty.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approve the Minutes of the County Commission meeting of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Approval of payment vouchers and payroll

#### Add-ons:

- Lease agreement for 30 days between Farm Bureau and Miami County Clerk
- 1 year equipment rental between ES&S and Miami County Clerk

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Commissioner Pretz moved to Proclaim May 2020 as ECKAN Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of Kansas Community Action Agencies. Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Roberts opened the floor for public comments on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget at 1:04. No public comments. Chairman Roberts reminded the Commissioners to be mindful about expenses already committed to like the radio bonds, the Sherriff Office Pay and the Road and Bridge Pay. Commissioner Pretz stated he would like for the Commissioners to keep the tax payers in mind when reviewing the budgets. Commissioner Gallagher stated he would like for the schools, state, and all taxing entities to consider that as well. Public comments closed at 1:07.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider renewing a five year advance maintenance support for a sum of \$40,479.00 with Mitel Phone System. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the five year maintenance agreement with Mitel Phone System, Commissioner Vaughan seconded. The vote was unanimous. (A20-04-003)

Rita McKoon, Miami County Health Department Director, stated as of today there are 3,738 confirmed cases of Coronavirus reported by KDHE in the state of Kansas, 125 deaths and 25,720 negative test results. For Miami County there have been 217 tests with only 5 positive, 4 of which have already recovered. The one active case is being monitored. Anyone can go to the KDHE website under COVID and it will give a breakdown of all testing that has been completed during the week and the location in the State of Kansas. Miami County Health Department is working with KU on a survey for the Miami County Residents to see who is exhibiting symptoms to setup a testing site in conjunction with the local hospital. So far there has been 3,000 responses. A drive through testing will be held on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will have between 200 – 300 tests available and will be administered based on the most symptomatic by invitation only. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the State of Local Disaster removing paragraph 3. Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Holly Ray, Human Resource Director, requested the Commissioners to consider adopting the temporary Family First Coronavirus Response Act added to rules and regulations employee handbook. This policy will be following the Federal guidelines and will only be effective through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Commission Vaughan moved to approve the temporary policy as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Janet White, Miami County Clerk, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the lease agreement between Farm Bureau and Miami County Clerk for the term of 30 days beginning on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the use of poll worker training. Commissioner Pretz removed himself from this item due to his affiliation to Farm Bureau. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the lease for \$700 for 30 days to be used for training the poll workers, Commissioner Dixon seconded. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no, Commissioner Pretz abstaining. (A20-04-004)

Janet White, Miami County Clerk, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the agreement with ES&S for two additional machines that will be needed for processing the extra mail in ballots anticipated due to the COVID-19 issues. The equipment will be refurbished and will be rented for one full year. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the rental of the 2 machines at the cost of \$4,380.00 for the period of one year, Commissioner Vaughan seconded. The vote was 4 yes with, Commissioner Gallagher voting no. (A20-04-005)

## APPLICTION

REPORTS FROM STAFF, COMMITTEES, OFFICERS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Janet White, County Clerk

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