

**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 January 27<sup>th</sup>, 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	

**News:** Doug Carder, Republic News

**Visitors:** Don Jordan, Tom Webber, Herb & Teresa Tressler, Shay Hanyak, Julie McWilliams, Trever Ward, Jes Pfannenstiel

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Roberts stated there was an issue with the phones on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Miami County Health Department. The phones could not keep up with the number of calls; due to the large number of calls (over 1,000) by residents trying to make an appointment for the COVID Vaccine. Miami County is working on a solution for this and hope to have it within a few weeks.

Don Jordan, 34505 Woodland Rd, stated he was one of the many calling into the Health Department on Monday, he called 3 times before he was able to get through. They were very professional and very helpful, he thanked the Commissioners for having a great staff at the Health Department.

Tom Webber, 28814 Victory Rd, stated he was one of the many callers on Monday as well but was not fortunate enough to get through. He would like to see some changes to how a person can register for the vaccine and volunteered to help schedule appointments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Approval of payment vouchers
- Add-on:
  - Order of Corrections for Irregularities
  - Revisit speed limit revision on 347<sup>th</sup> Street from January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020's meeting

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kenny Cook, Planning, requested the Commissioners to consider approving CUP, Conditional Use Permit, 20004-CUP for a 250' tall communications tower, including an equipment shelter and appurtenant equipment, per Sections 6-2.01.14, and 14-2.01.4 of the Miami County, Kansas Zoning Regulations. The subject property of approximately 5,625 square feet is located approximately 147 feet south of 399<sup>th</sup> St, and approximately 440 feet west of Metcalf Rd, in the NW ¼ of Section 17, Twp. 19, Range 25, and Sugar Creek Twp. Submitted by Trevor Wood with Selective Site Consultants on behalf of Miami County, Kansas, the applicant. Wildwood Outdoor Education Center, Inc. is the property owner of record. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the CUP as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R21-01-005)

Chairman Roberts presented on Sheriff Kelly's behalf a request to the Commissioners to approve an updated Emergency Operation Plan. Commissioner Gallagher moved to table this item for 1 week, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to approve the Bi-annual Bridge Inspection for 2021 and 2022 and to authorize soliciting for proposals for 2021 and 2022 Bi-annual Bridge Inspection. Bi-annual Bridge Inspection is for 237 NBI bridge length structures, inspections are required by FHWA and KDOT.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the Bi-annual Bridge Inspection and to solicit for proposals, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the Notice of Award for Evening Star Culvert Replacement Project (19-01-SB (668)) located on Evening Star Road 0.28 mile south of 169 Hwy. Bids were opened on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. WCI, Inc. was the apparent low bidder at \$137,040.85. Work is expected to begin between February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 for 90 calendar days. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the Notice of Award to WCI, Inc., Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing Project 21-02-CO (677) for 2021 Asphalt Program at the following locations: Moonlight Road 215<sup>th</sup> – 223<sup>rd</sup>; 399<sup>th</sup> E US 169; Lonestar K-68 – 287<sup>th</sup>; Indianapolis US-169 to Lane Rd; 299<sup>th</sup> US-169 – Victory; 311<sup>th</sup> US 169 – US 69; 223<sup>rd</sup> Street Underpass; Club Estates – 295<sup>th</sup> E Metcalf; EMS Road and Parking Lot; 271<sup>st</sup> at US 69; 363<sup>rd</sup> Plum Creek – Lookout; Stewart Lane E Old KC Road. The total for this asphalt project will be \$3,410,000. Commissioner Vaughan moved to authorize Project 21-02-CO (677) for 2021 Asphalt Program as presented, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts requested Sheila Schultz, County Counselor, to revisit the speed limit revision for 347<sup>th</sup> Street from January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021's meeting. Commissioner Pretz stated that there was a speed limit survey completed on this area and 85% of the vehicles were driving 50 MPH. Ms. Schultz stated she reviewed the request to change the speed limit from 30 MPH to 50 MPH on 347<sup>th</sup> Street for the Mill Street Bridge located east of the City limits of Osawatomie. The bridge and adjoining roadway were built to a 30 MPH design created by an engineer. The county will be taking on a larger liability by increasing the speed limit on this road based on the engineer plan being for a speed limit of 30 MPH. Chairman Roberts allowed Don Jordan to speak regarding this issue. Mr. Jordan stated he would like to see the speed limit increased to at least 40 MPH. Commissioner Pretz moved to amend the speed limit from 30 MPH to 40 MPH, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the motion failed with 3 votes no and 2 votes yes. Commissioners Roberts, Vaughan and Gallagher voted no.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated there have now been 2,406 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Miami County, Kansas, 155 are active, and as of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 there have been 28 deaths.

#### COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dixon stated there will be a Legislative Breakfast Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Louisburg Middle School.

Commissioner Pretz stated there will be a Legislative Breakfast at the Osawatomie High School on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Chairman Roberts stated there is a guest from KWORCC in the meeting, asked Jes Pfannenstiel if he would like to say anything. Jes Pfannenstiel presented a plaque to Chairman Roberts as a past president. Chairman Roberts thanked him for the plaque and stated he has now served on the board for 6 years.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

(Seal)



*Rob Roberts*  
 Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

*Janet White*  
 Janet White, County Clerk