

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

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

**Absent:** Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem  
**Visitors:** Kari Bradley, Sam Moon

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Samantha Moon, Assistant to City Manager for the City of Osawatomie introduced herself.

Kari Bradley, Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce Director introduced herself.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
- Approval of payment vouchers
- Add-ons:
  - Remove Item 6, authorizing purchase of six bumpers for Emergency Medical Services
  - Bid Solicitation for road oil for the 2021 construction season
  - Bid Solicitation for Magnesium Chloride for 2021 dust control

Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the bid solicitation for a 1-ton 4x4 truck for the Sign Crew (BID#2021-001) and a 1-ton 4x2 truck for the Asphalt Crew (BID#2021-002). One of the old trucks might be usable by EMS with some repairs. Commissioner Pretz moved to authorize soliciting bids for the 2 1-ton trucks as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the contract with WCI, Inc. for construction of Miami County Project No. 19-01-SB (668) in the amount of \$137,040.85 and to authorize the execution of the Notice to Proceed with WCI, Inc. with a start date of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the Contract and execute the Notice to Proceed with WCI, Inc. with Project No. 19-01-SB (668), Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C21-02-003)

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize the staff to solicit for design services for seven (7) culvert replacements and for one (1) bridge guardrail to be upgraded to crash worthy guardrail. Commissioner Dixon moved to authorize the staff to solicit for the design services as presented, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to authorize a reconstruction agreement with KDOT for Metcalf 2.0 Miami County Project #18-15-CO-ST (665)/KDOT Project #61 N-0709-01. Commissioner Dixon moved to authorize the reconstruction agreement with KDOT for Metcalf 2.0, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A21-02-005)

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the FAS 250 ER-Slope Repair Agreement with KDOT. Miami County Project #20-03-SB (672)/KDOT Project #61 NC-5047-01. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the agreement between MICO and KDOT, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (A21-02-006)

Teresa Reeves, Planning Director, requested the Commissioners to approve a resolution to allow the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages at the MICO Fairgrounds property no more than 4 times per year for 3 consecutive days, in accordance with KSA 41-1201 and the Alcohol Beverage Control Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages at the MICO Fairgrounds up to 4 times per year for 3 consecutive days, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. **(R21-02-006)**

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving them to solicit bids for the 2021 Construction Season for road oil (BID #2021-004). Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve soliciting for road oil for the 2021 Construction Season, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, requested the Commissioners to consider approving them to solicit bids for Magnesium Chloride for Dust Control 2021. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve soliciting bids for Magnesium Chloride to be used for Dust Control in 2021, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the Commissioners on COVID-19 in Miami County (MICO). As of 8:30 a.m. February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 there have been 2,644 vaccine surveys completed, MICO Health Department plans to schedule 100-150 appointments for each February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, and another 700 appointments to be scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> to be given at Lakemary. Currently MICO has 2,542 cases, this is only an increase of 42 since February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Testing has slowed down, mostly because of weather and cold.

#### COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dixon questioned JR McMahon if there has been any new information on the K-68 updates. Mr. McMahon has been speaking with his contact and said that we are in the pot with all of Kansas and KDOT wants to know if the residents are still wanting to move forward with the project. Chairman Roberts requested Shane Krull, County Administrator, to draft a letter from the County stating our interest is still strong.

Commissioner Pretz stated there may be 2 or more Commissioners present on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Paola Holy Trinity at 7:30 a.m. for the State of the City Breakfast.

Chairman Roberts is upset with the State of Kansas Legislator insisting the Kansas Counties to be transparent to their residents. K-68 Highway was a funded project, it was part of the T-Works Program, it was shelved for a host of reasons, one of the reasons was close to a billion dollars were transferred to the State General Fund. When thinking about transparency think of how that billion dollars was moved from one account to another with little to no paper trail. For anyone to say that the MICO Commissioners are not transparent is to say we are not trustworthy, that is an insult to the Commissioners serving MICO.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Executive Session for 25 minutes beginning at 1:58 p.m. to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. There is no action anticipated at this time, the Commissioners, County Administrator and County Counselor will be present. Regular meeting reconvened at 2:22, no action was taken in the Executive Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.



ATTEST:

Janet White  
Janet White, County Clerk

Rob Roberts  
Rob Roberts, Chairman