

**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 24th, 2021. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	
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	Wendy Newton, Clerk's Operation Specialist

Absent: Shane Krull, County Administrator

News: Doug Carder, Republic News

Visitors: Ashley Rankin, Shay Hanysak, Sam Moon, Kari Bradley, Tiffany Ellison, Anthony Juarez, Susan Waggerman, Jim Francis, Bryan Dehner

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ashley Rankin, 660 Sunset Dr, Louisburg, KS, requested the Commissioners to consider overturning the countywide mask mandate. Science and medicine are not black and white. While some believe the masks are saving lives the remaining believe they are harmful to us. We have children being punished for breathing; they pull down their masks they are sent to the principals' office. There are children getting staff infection or bacteria acne on their faces where the masks have been on their face. The children come home with saliva, mucus and even blood from nose bleeds on their masks. This is not healthy keeping the children in the masks all day while in school. We have no idea what long-term effects this will have on our kids. She requested the Commissioners to please help her help our children by overturning the countywide mask mandate.

Sam Moon, Assistant to City of Osawatome Manager, stated the City of Osawatome is not the only community being affected by the financial emergency due to the demand of gas and power from the below zero temperatures. Chairman Roberts stated this will be discussed in today's meeting. Ms. Moon thanked the Commissioners and stated might need a supporting letter from Miami County.

Susan Waggerman, 34736 Mission Belleview, Louisburg, stated last time she was here she discussed a bridge issue. Every time her bridge floods it floods Mission Belleview, fixing this bridge will fix her issue and the county's issue with Mission Belleview flooding. Ms. Waggerman has engineered drawing of a bridge, received permit from the State of Kansas and the Core of Engineer Department. Now needs a county permit and requested the Commissioners to give her 2 Miami County Road & Bridge employees and equipment to rebuild the bridge. JR McMahan, Road & Bridge Director, stated part of the area in question is privately owned and it is against policy for MICO to be on private property to do work. Chairman Roberts requested Mr. McMahan and Sheila Schultz, County Counselor, to work together to assure if this can be done legally and properly. Ms. Schultz stated she believes there might be a conflict of interest for her to be involved on this issue. Chairman Roberts stated the county will look into this and will stay in touch.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on February 17th, 2021
- Approval of payment vouchers
- Add-on:
 - Quote replacing Courthouse Chiller; GK Smith & Sons for \$67,273 (A21-02-007)
 - Final execution of CARES Funding

- State of Financial Emergency due to sub-zero temperatures (**R21-02-008**)

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Lyman, Financial Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing transferring \$395,285 from Fire District No. 1 Operating Fund to Fire District No. 1 Equipment Fund per state statute. Commissioner Pretz moved to authorize the transfer of funds as presented, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (**R21-02-007**)

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners approve the quote received from Cytek Media Systems for the new sound system in the Commission Chambers. There was also a quote from Redi Systems for \$89,479.82. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the quote from Cytek Media Systems in the amount of \$42,797, Commissioner Pretz seconded. Chairman Roberts questioned where the funding for this will be coming from, Steve Lyman, Financial Director, stated from the CARES Funding. The vote was unanimous. (**A21-02-008**)

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider approving an agreement with GK Smith & Sons to replace the Miami County Courthouse Chiller. Received 2 bids: GK Smith & Sons for \$67,273 and ACS Electronic Systems for \$66,250 plus the cost of 400 amp fused at \$1,800 and the cost of pump starter with disconnect for \$1,800. Miami County always gives Miami County businesses first options when the bid is this close. Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the bid from GK Smith & Sons for \$67,273, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous. (**A21-02-007**)

Chairman Roberts requested the Commissioners to consider approving the final execution of the CARES Funding. Recommended encumbrances include: \$3000 for single audit encumbrance and \$42,797 for new Commission Chambers AV system. Potential final expenditures include: Four Surface Pros for County Appraiser's Office for \$8,267.07 and Miami County Health Departments wages for February's last 2 weeks in the amount of \$5,994.98. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve as presented; Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pretz moved to declare Miami County in a State of Financial Emergency and has received multiple requests from the cities of Miami County for support. Governor Kelly has already declared the State of Kansas in a State of Emergency on February 14th, 2021. The temperatures dropped below zero for 2 weeks in February, along with snow, sleet, and freezing rain causing an increase in demand for gas and electricity. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (**R21-02-008**)

APPLICATIONS

Janet White, County Clerk, stated the 2020 County Inventory is complete. She gave the Commissioners the inventory and requested them to look it over and sign off on it. Once the Commissioners have signed off on the inventory it will need to be returned to the Clerk's office.

STAFF COMMENTS

JR McMahan, Road & Bridge Director, gave a few updates:

- KDOT sent an email stating they received COVID-19 Funds, a check for \$105,000 will be sent to Miami County Road & Bridge.
 - KDOT has also determined that Miami County is considered a distressed county, meaning we are allowed to cost share at 10% instead of 15%
 - HRRR (High Risk Rural Roads) – KDOT asked that these projects be resubmitted for possible grants. Road & Bridge has 10 projects that meet the requirements.
- Mr. McMahan passed out a hand-out prepared by the Mid-America Regional Council, MARC, referencing the Kansas City Regional Climate Action Plan. On March 8th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. there

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will be a Zoom meeting going over the Climate Action Plan. The meeting is to reach out to the rural areas. The Commissioners voiced some concerns with this plan. Commissioner Tyler has agreed to be on the Zoom meeting along with Ms. McRae and Mr. McMahon.

Janet McRae, Economic Development Director, there have been individuals in need of household items as well as food. Have been working with Mark Whelan to get some of the items to the food pantries. These items will be delivered to those in need when the Area Agency of Aging vans make the deliveries with food.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the Commissioners on COVID-19 in Miami County (MICO). KDHE has not updated their information as of 12:50 today. Miami County Health Department received 3,600 doses of Moderna Vaccine from KDHE. 2,511 First doses were administered, 560 second doses were administered, and remaining doses were reallocated to local pharmacies to be administered to school staff, childcare providers, and Tri-Ko employees/residents. As of 1:00 today there are approximately 2,500 residents waiting for vaccines, 1 new cluster being investigated and 1 new death.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gallagher moved to reappoint John McLean to the Economic Development Advisory Board, Commissioner Vaughan seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Vaughan stated some residents showed up late for the meeting and questioned if they would be allowed to speak if they wished to. Chairman Roberts agreed, opened the floor to the public for comments. See comments by Susan Waggerman under Public Comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

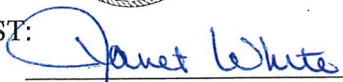
Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege for 10 minutes beginning at 1:54 to include Shelia Schultz, County Counselor, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. The regular session reconvened at 2:04, no action was taken.

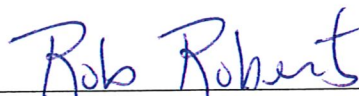
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.



ATTEST:


Janet White, County Clerk


Rob Roberts, Chairman