

**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 April 7th, 2021. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
George Pretz, Commissioner	Janet White, County Clerk
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Wendy Newton, Clerk's Office Specialist
Danny Gallagher, Commissioner	

Absent: Tyler Vaughan, Pro-Tem and Sheila Schultz, County Counselor

Visitors: Bill Osborn and Glenn Alpert

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on March 31st, 2021
- Approval of payment vouchers
- Add-on: Orders of Correction of Irregularities

Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the following Proclamation:

Proclamation – Proclaim April as “Fair Housing Month”

Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the following add-on Proclamation:

Add-on: Proclamation – Proclaim April 5th -11th, 2021 as “National Public Health Week”

Chairman Roberts stated the staff of the Miami County Health Department has risen to those unprecedented challenges and worked tirelessly to protect their fellow residents. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. Chairman Roberts, Commissioner Gallagher and Shane Krull, County Administrator wanted to thank the Miami County Health Department employees, volunteers and workers who volunteered from Lake Mary at the clinics.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kenneth Cook, Planner, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the Proposed Text Amendments 2002-TA and accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to sign the Resolution and approve the proposed text amendments as presented: increase maximum sign area from 7.50 to 7.56, change the way the calculations of height of the signs are figured, and add definitions to better define the terms and regulations of signs. The location requirements and 1000 ft separation will remain the same. **(R21-04-015)** Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the Proposed Text Amendments 2002-TA. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the purchase of five Motorola APX 6000 portable radios for the city of Linn Valley Fire Department to allow direct communication with Miami County dispatch and other responding units. The five radios would put one in each of their units and one with Chief Murrison. Commissioner Pretz moved to authorize the purchase of the five Motorola portable radios with the addition of the funding coming from the 800 Radio Fund. Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the software upgrade for the encryption of 132 portable radios and mobile radios for the Miami County Fire District #1. These radios were purchased in 2018 but do not have the encryption. According to a 2016 mandate from Mid-America Regional Council all radios bought after 2016 should be encryption capable. Total cost is \$59,850.00. Commissioner Pretz moved to authorize the software upgrade for the radios with the addition of the funding coming from the 800

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Radio Fund. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF COMMENTS

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, gave an update on the closure and repair of the Creamery Bridge (8th Street Bridge). He stated that a county employee hit the bridge on 4/1/2021 with a tractor and damaged 2 hangers critically and a 3rd hanger non-critically on the southeast side. With a total of 6 hangers on that side of the bridge and half of them damaged, the bridge could not support the current posted load, so the bridge had to be shut down. Mr. Oehlert stated he should be able to bring an Agreement with BG Consultants in the next week or so to begin the process of fixing the bridge. A few items to note are there is a gas line that runs the span of that bridge and will have to be supported while taking down the 3 hangers for repair. The bridge is also on the National Historical Registry and will need to get their approval on the aesthetics of the bridge repair. The Commissioners urged Mr. Oehlert to move as quickly as possible to get the bridge back open with a goal date of July 4th. Commissioner Pretz moved to allow Shane Krull, County Administrator, the authority to sign any documents with BG Consultants for the bridge repair to keep the project moving. Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

JR McMahon, Road & Bridge Director, stated free dump day for Miami County residents will be from May 1st to October 31st with one load weighing up to 4000 lbs.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, read from a handout about the Covid-19 statistics. He stated KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) says have been 2,681 total cases in Miami County with an increase of 13 cases since last Wednesday, positivity rate for last two weeks is 1.3%, no new hospitalizations, deaths, or clusters since last week. The vaccines have been opened to all five phases now with anyone 18 years old or older able to get their shot and 7,100 people have signed up on the shot registry. 9700 doses of Moderna and 500 doses of J&J (Johnson & Johnson) have been received with 37 clinics completed since January with 16 more upcoming through May. 20% of Miami County population have received either their first shot, second shot, or a single dose J&J shot. Christena Beer, RN, stated that the Health Department was notified this morning of a significant decrease for available J&J shots; Mr. Beer heard on the news there was a manufacturing error and thought this could be the cause for the decrease.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Gallagher moved to appoint Kirt Stevens as the Middle Creek Township Clerk. Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts moved to discount RWD #2 building permit fee by 50% because RWD #2 provides services to Miami County residents and is expanding its water production in order to provide services to Miami County so therefor Miami County believes it should invest in that. Commissioner Gallagher seconded; Shane Krull, County Administrator wanted to clarify that RWD #2 will still be required to pay 100% of Third-Party Plan Review and/or Special Inspections. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pretz wanted to state for the public that the study sessions will start at 8am on Wednesdays from April 21st through May 26th for review of the 2022 budget proposals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



Rob Roberts
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet White
Janet White, County Clerk