

**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 Administration Training Room, Miami County Administration Building, Paola, Kansas, on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Those present were:

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

**News:** Doug Carder, Miami Republic News

**Visitors:** Shay Hanysak, Karen Gallagher, Barb Adams, Ryan Beer, Joe Reif, Gregory Strahl, Sam Moon

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joe Reif, 30869 Plum Creek Rd, Paola, KS, stated he moved to his property in 2000. When 303<sup>rd</sup> was paved, the traffic on Plum Creek Road became heavier. Mr. Reif is requesting the Commissioners to consider paving Plum Creek Rd from 303<sup>rd</sup> to 327<sup>th</sup> for safety reasons. Counters have been placed out there in the past, but believes the counters were placed during inopportune times such as weekends and holidays when the traffic is the lightest. Mr. Reif stated this area of road is narrow and gravel; there have been multiple close calls with the traffic. The gravel road causes blinding dust, and the drivers cannot always see the oncoming traffic; since the road is so narrow there is no place for the drivers to go once, they see the oncoming traffic.

Gregory Strahl, 30884 Plum Creek Rd, Paola, KS, stated he agrees with Mr. Reif and there have been several close calls. 311<sup>th</sup> yields to Plum Creek, Mr. Strahl has seen people almost get hit by the second vehicle they didn't see through the dust. Mr. Strahl stated this is a dangerous area and would like the Commissioners to consider having the section of Plum Creek Rd from 303<sup>rd</sup> to 327<sup>th</sup> paved.

Commissioner Gallagher stated he will have JR McMahan, Road & Bridge Director, look into this.

Mr. Reif stated there is a mulch manufacture in that area and semi-trucks weighing 80,000 pounds is crossing a low-weight bridge in there which creates another issue.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of minutes of the county commission meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Approval of payment vouchers

Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION AND AWARDS**

Chairman Roberts announced Christena Beer from the Miami County Health Department is the employee of the year 2020. Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, Shane Krull, County Administrator, and Rita McKoon, MCHD Director, each said a few words about Christena and her performance last year. Christena stated there were many people at MCHD that deserved this award and thanked everyone.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Roberts opened the floor to public comments regarding the FY2022 County Budget at 1:20 p.m. There were no public comments, Chairman Roberts closed the floor at 1:22 p.m.

Justin Eimers, County Appraiser, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the purchase of cubicles for the Reappraisal department from Navrat's in the amount of \$21,770.49. Mr. Eimers passed out a letter

drafted by Laura Epp, Procurement Agent, addressed to Navrat's Office Products stating MICO Commissioners have agreed to award 2021-007 Cubicles project to Navrats due to their ability to meet the specification requirements. Commissioner Pretz moved to approve the purchase of cubicles from Navrat's, Commissioner Vaughan seconded with an amendment to include the letter from Laura Epp; the vote was unanimous. (A21-04-019)

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, requested the Commissioners to consider approving the Notice of Award for 2021 Asphalt Program, bids were opened on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC was the apparent low bidder at \$1,766,200.29. Work is expected to begin between May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and last for 30 working days. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve awarding the 2021 Asphalt Program to Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC for \$1,766,200.29, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing County Administrator to issue a Request For Quote (RFQ) for Miami County's (MICO) Airport Consultant. Commissioner Dixon moved to authorize County Administrator to issue a RFQ for MICO's Airport Consultant, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Shane Krull requested the Commissioners to consider approving a resolution appointing Justin Eimers as the County Appraiser for a four-year term beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Gallagher moved to appoint Justin Eimers as County Appraiser, Commissioner Dixon seconded; the vote was unanimous. (R21-04-016)

Sara Denny, Human Resource, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the County Administrator to sign a contract with The Hartford to offer group voluntary benefits to county employees. The contract is in the works and not present at this time. Commissioner Vaughan moved to approve The Hartford to offer group voluntary benefits to county employees, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. Commissioner Vaughan moved to authorize County Administrator to sign the contract with The Hartford, Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous. (C21-04-006)

Sara Denny requested the Commissioners to consider approving the contract renewal with Delta Dental of Kansas for the 2021-2022 benefit plan year. Commissioner Vaughan questioned if we would be locked in with a 2-year rate. Ms. Denny stated at this time it is only for 12 months and is working on getting a rate locked in for 2 years. Commissioner Dixon moved to table this item for 1 week would like to lock in a rate for 2 years, Commissioner Gallagher seconded; the vote was unanimous. Tabled until April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021's Board Of County Commissioners meeting.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated the new engine for the Fontana Fire Station is staged outside the Administration building and offered the Commissioners to step outside to see the new engine. Chairman Roberts requested to view the engine after the agenda was completed.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Matt Oehlert, Road & Bridge Project Manager, submitted a grant on Old KC road, KDOT awarded \$350,000 for the 2022-2023 year.

Mark Whelan, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a handout with an update on COVID-19 from MCHD. As of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 there have been 2,724 cases with a 2.47 positivity rate for last 2 weeks. There has been another death taking the number to 42 in MICO. Received 10,300 doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and 600 J&J vaccine for a total of 10,900 doses. There have been 5,131 first doses and 3,493 second doses administered, 2,100 doses have been reallocated to local pharmacies to assist with schools, childcare providers, and Tri-Ko employees & residents.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Pretz announced the Miami County Republican Party will be meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 in Louisburg, KS at Timber Lake, dinner at 6:30 meeting starts at 7:00. There might be 2 or more Commissioners present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Executive Session to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss legal issue for 30 minutes beginning at 2:12 to include Commissioners, Shane Krull, County Administrator, Sheila Schultz, County Counselor and Dave Delp, Codes Director. No action is anticipated. Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the vote was unanimous. Regular meeting reconvened at 2:42.

Commissioner Pretz moved to have an Executive Session to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss legal issue for 20 minutes beginning at 2:43 to include Commissioners, Shane Krull, County Administrator and Sheila Schultz, County Counselor. Commissioner Vaughan seconded adding there is potential action to follow, the vote was unanimous. Regular meeting reconvened at 3:03.

Commissioner Pretz moved to enter into a contract for legal services with Kaup Law Office (KLO) as directed by MICO to consult on the petition for incorporation of the City of Golden brought in April 2021 pursuant to K.S.A. 15-115 et seq. Commissioner Vaughan seconded, the vote was unanimous. (C21-04-007)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.



Rob Roberts  
Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST: Janet White  
Janet White, County Clerk