

**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 on Zoom, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Miami County Administration Building, Paola, Kansas, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Those present were:

Rob Roberts, Chairman	Shane Krull, County Administrator
Danny Gallagher, Pro-Tem	David Heger, County Counselor
Phil Dixon, Commissioner	Janet White, Clerk
George Pretz, Commissioner	Tiffany Taylor, Deputy Clerk
Tyler Vaughan, Commissioner	

Members of the Press, Via Phone: Doug Carder, Republic News

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approve the Minutes of the County Commission meeting of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Approval of payment vouchers

Add-on: Grant of Easement for road and utility purposes; 19-017-LS (Pensco/Hadel) (A20-05-005)

Commissioner Pretz seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the following Proclamation, National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week of May 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Pretz seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Roberts, presented the following for Employee of the Month, Employee of the Quarter, and Employee of the 2019 Year awards: Employee of the Month: January – Dawn Gilliland, Appraiser Office, February – Brendon Romano, EMS, March – Jeff Walters, Sheriff's Office, and April – Frank Burrow, EMS; Employee of the Quarter: Jim Starling, Building Services Director; Employee of the 2019 Year: Linda Taylor, Human Resources.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Janet McRae, Economic Development Director, stated for the past year she has been working with Ady Advantage and almost 100 community stakeholders to draft a county-wide economic development strategic plan. Commissioner Dixon moved to table this for up to 2 weeks, Commissioner Gallagher seconded. Commissioner Pretz said he would like for the cities to have a chance to review the plan and sees it taking at least a month for this to happen. Commissioner Dixon withdrew his motion, Commissioner Gallagher withdrew his second. Chairman Roberts has removed this item until the cities of Miami County are able to review the plan. Commissioner Pretz suggested giving the cities a one month time-line. Shane Krull, County Administrator, said he will put a deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Janet McRae, Economic Development Director, requested the Commissioners to consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Pulse Survey contract between Ady Advantage and Miami County in the amount of \$18,500 to conduct local data collection on the economic impact of the pandemic. Commissioner Vaughan moved to authorize Chairman Roberts to sign the contract between Ady Advantage and Miami County in the amount of \$18,500, Commissioner Pretz seconded. Commissioner Pretz questioned how this is being financed. Chairman Roberts stated that 50% of this will be funded by Everygy the remaining 50% will be paid out of the Economic Development Reserve Fund or the Economic Development Strategic Plan. The vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge, requested the Commissioners to consider awarding Lochner for the design services on Bridge FAS 250 Slope Repair located on Hedge Lane 0.77 mile north of 383<sup>rd</sup> Street; Project 20-03-SB (672). Firms were selected per KDOT quality based selection (QBS) policy using KDOT qualified firms and written proposals. Miami County is using KDOT Emergency Relief Funds whereas Miami County is responsible for 20% project cost. Commissioner Gallagher moved to award Lochner for the design services on Bridge FAS 250 Project 20-03-SB (672). Commissioner Pretz seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Matt Oehlert, Road and Bridge, requested the Commissioners to consider directing staff to authorize project and design solicitation authorization for structure replacement on Lone Star Road north of Eagle Drive. Project to be funded by the special bridge fund. Design services to be funded in 2020, construction and construction engineering to be funded in 2021. Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve, Commissioner Pretz seconded. Commissioner Vaughan said he would like to see the results of the study on the culverts before he votes. The vote was 4 to 1 with Commissioner Vaughan voting no.

Rita McKoon, Miami County Health Department Director, stated as of the last report from the State of Kansas there have been 8,539 confirmed cases of Coronavirus and 178 deaths, there have been a total of 62,664 negative tests and 199 of the confirmed cases are new since Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All 6 of the confirmed cases in Miami County have recovered. Governor Kelly has come out with a revised Phase 2 plan beginning on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and will stay in effect until June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Dixon asked if our percentage of testing is comparable to other counties in Kansas. Ms. McKoon they are still trying to track everything and don't have a really good answer to that.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF, COMMITTEES, OFFICERS**

Shane Krull, County Administrator, has a couple of announcements:

1. The county offices will be opened to the public on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020
2. There has been an extension for Motor Vehicle renewals of 60 days from the date the Governor lifts the Emergency Declaration. County staff remains available Monday thru Friday during normal working hours via phone, mail, online or drop-box.
3. Earlier this meeting we acknowledged the community contributions our EMS brings and today was an atypical day as they had to respond to a call involving a 3 year old.
4. The County will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.

JR McMahon, Road and Bridge Director, gave updates on the following:

1. KDOT update on the K-68 project, originally there were 3 projects back in 2014/2015 and we jumped through all the hoops to get these projects completed. An issue arose bringing it to a stop and they are preparing to start up with these projects again. This is a \$68 million, 4 lane project to run through the end of fiscal year 2025.
2. Road and Bridge will be doing asphalt work this year in various places, Mr. McMahon is seeing farm equipment getting bigger and putting more weight on the roads. We need to acknowledge this and be prepared for the need of the heavier farm equipment and a road base for today and the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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*Rob Roberts*  
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Rob Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

*Janet White*  
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Janet White, County Clerk

