

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 19, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart observed the entire meeting. Those present for a portion of the meeting included Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, Custodian Richard Blanton, Jim Scherer, CPA and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 8 local inmates and 8 out of county inmates.

Due to the observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 2, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners will not hold a regular weekly meeting.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood reported repair work will be performed to the sliding door of the 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan Eldorado Conversion van, along with purchasing two rear tires. Warranty repair work will also be performed on the 2018 Grand Caravan. Administrator Wood will place an employment advertisement for part-time transportation driver and is currently working to complete Kansas Department of Transportation July 2019 reports and the annual National Transportation Data report.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson gave the Board of County Commissioners an update and extended an invitation to meet with United States Senator Jerry Moran on September 4, 2019 during his tour of Northeast Kansas.

Custodian Richard Blanton told the Board of County Commissioners bag worms were located in an evergreen tree on the north side of the courtyard. Mr. Blanton was asked to contact the Noxious Weed Department to assist with treating the tree. Custodian Blanton also reported ground water coming into the boiler room located in the basement of the Courthouse during recent storms, as well as, into the Courthouse annex building. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to view the areas following the County Commission meeting and suggested Custodian Blanton contact the Road and Bridge Department for a load of dirt to build up the drainage around the exterior foundation of Courthouse.

At 9:00 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing for the purpose of adopting the 2020 Doniphan County budget. Certified Public Accountant Jim Scherer was present. There being no public comment, Commissioner McKernan made a motion to adopt the 2020 Doniphan County budget as published at a proposed mill levy rate of 39.700 mills based on an assessed valuation of 144,377,958. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to adopt the 2020 Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1 budget as published at a proposed mill levy rate of 1.475 mills based on an assessed valuation of 58,571,604. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to perform an analysis on the Road Department bucket truck to determine necessary repairs prior to the conclusion of the noxious weed spraying season when the truck will be needed to trim brush and trees along county road rights-of-way.

First District County Commissioner Tim Collins reported the First Road District planned to complete chip seal on First District county roadways today (August 19, 2019) prior to moving onto areas for non-profit entities.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with a priority listing of bridge structures in need of immediate attention in 2019 categorized by 1) Erosion 2) Guardrail/Miscellaneous Repairs and 3) Structures Requiring Engineer Consultation. The County Commission recommended each Road District be given the listing and address bridge structure issues pertaining to items 1) Erosion and 2) Guardrail/Miscellaneous Repairs.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, informed the County Commission she met with Representatives from the Kansas Department of Transportation to view major collector routes (FAS roads) affected by recent flooding. Norris reported seven sites meet the \$5,000 per site minimal threshold requirement to be considered for financial assistance for repair by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve \$868.30 for repair work to the dozer in the Road Department by Foley Equipment. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to designate time on the September 16, 2019 meeting agenda to firm up an infrastructure plan for hard surfacing county roadways and repairing/replacing bridge structures by developing a 3-5 year plan identifying projects, setting dollar amounts and determine distribution of funds.

Commissioner Geiger suggested visiting in the future with County Treasurer Etherton on ways to summarize the delinquent tax list required to be published as a cost savings measure.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:59 A.M.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman