

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 26, 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 Pat Meers, Charlie Meers, Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Emergency Management Director Julie Meng 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 McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the August 19, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of August 30, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Fee report for the period of August 1-15, 2019 was presented to the Board on behalf of the Sheriff for their review.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 8 local inmates and 11 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.

Charlie Meers inquired when road repair on 190<sup>th</sup> Road in Blair, Kansas, would take place. Commissioner Geiger will view the roadway following the meeting. Commissioner Collins stated grader ditches need to be cleaned out along the roadway for proper drainage prior to making permanent repairs. Pat Meers asked when drainage ditches would be cleared. Commissioner Collins said due to weather conditions the road crews are addressing road hazard issues and being in the midst of chip seal season, work to get drainage ditches cleared along 190<sup>th</sup> Road will be done as time allows.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood requested permission to replace the dishwasher at the Highland Senior Citizens Center at an approximate cost of \$800.00, purchase two rear tires for the 2018 Grand Caravan transportation van and purchase a new toilet for the Highland Senior Citizens Center at a cost of \$125.00. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve up to \$1,200.00 for the purchase of a dishwasher, two rear tires and toilet for the Aging Department. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve up to \$5,000.00 in repair work to the #4 Freightliner belly dump truck in the First Road District by Dave's Diesel. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins asked Road Foreman Price to obtain cost estimates for the purchase of chains for graders and snow plow blade for the First District Foreman's pickup truck prior to winter.

Commissioner Geiger requested the road crews blade and build up roads prior to rocking to insure rock stays on the roadway longer.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price asked for clarification from the Board of County Commissioners on usage of vacation time when a request for vacation leave has been submitted and approved prior to the commencement of chip seal and due to timing vacation leave would be utilized during chip seal. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement no leave time shall be utilized during chip seal season.

Emergency Management Director Julie Meng and Register of Deeds Susan Shuster presented the Board of County Commissioners with a proposal from LockIt Technologies to contract with the firm for ransomware cyber security services to vet email correspondence prior to being received by county employees at a cost of \$400.00 per month to cover all county email accounts. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve contracting with LockIt Technologies for ransomware cyber security services to monitor county email correspondence at a cost up to \$5,000.00 annually with the expense to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster also presented the Board of County Commissioners with a quote from Lee Grover Construction to insulate floor space between the boiler room and Register of Deeds office at a cost of \$11,850.00. The Board took no action.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Board she is obtaining specifications on guardrail needed prior to obtaining a cost estimate. Guardrail once thought to be purchased from the Kansas Department of Transportation no longer meets regulation standards.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase twenty “object marker” road signs from National Sign Company at a cost of \$19.95 each. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve computer repair for the Road Office Manager in the amount of \$281.25 by LockIt Technologies. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve repair to the chip spreader by Van Keppel in the amount of \$2,544.46. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with July 2019 Road Improvement Fund balances, monthly and year-to-date expenses for the Road Department for their review.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price informed the County Commission approximately \$650.00 worth of rock was hauled in Wolf River Township to prepare school bus routes, which will not be covered by Wolf River Township Road Improvement funds and will need to be paid from County Road funds.

Commissioner Collins stated several bank and bridge stabilization projects throughout the County need to be addressed by the Road Department prior to winter. He suggested usage of broken up concrete, rip rap and shot rock where allowable.

Road Secretary Lindsay Norris said 6’ and 8’ tubes will be delivered August 27, 2019 to the First District shop.

Commissioner Geiger suggested exploring rental or lease options of a bucket truck to assist with trimming trees and brush along county roads during the winter months versus paying high repair costs to get the County’s bucket truck in working order. No action was taken.

Commissioner Collins inquired about holding a personal property sale for the sale of unused county equipment.

At 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department with the meeting to reconvene in the office of the County Commissioners at 9:40 A.M. Motion carried. The County Clerk, Road Office Manager and First District Road Foreman remained.

Commissioner Geiger asked County Attorney Charles Baskins for a legal opinion on addressing structures built on private property that negatively impact or cause harm to county roadways. County Attorney Charles Baskins will explore Board options and offer a future opinion.

Commissioner Geiger also asked for advice on ATV/UTV poker runs using county roadways during inclement weather. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:46 A.M.

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman