

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 10, 2018**

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 and Susan Studer observed the entire meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elect personnel and county credit card authority. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of December 14, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve abated taxes in the amount of \$3,549.23 to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of November 2018 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently there are 14 local and five out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Geiger opened the County Commission meeting asking for public awareness during the holiday season and year round in rural areas of the County encouraging patrons to contact the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department if they suspect suspicious activity.

The Board met with Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, discussion was held in regard to the vitality and attendance at the four Doniphan County Senior Citizens Center sites. Mrs. Wood will put together information for the County Commission's consideration and future discussion on each of the Senior Sites and the prospect of re-opening the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with November 2018 departmental budget and expense report, stating all County Departments are within budget authority and will not need to be amended for the 2018 budget year.

Sales Tax collections for the month of September 2018 were presented in the amount of \$46,176.80.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to adopt County Resolution 2018-04, a Resolution proposing certain amendments to the Neighborhood Revitalization Plans of Doniphan County, Kansas and all local taxing districts therein, proposing a fifth extension of all of such Neighborhood Revitalization Plans for an additional five years from and after January 1, 2019 and providing for a public hearing thereon. Motion carried. Said Resolution will be published in The Kansas Chief, the official County newspaper, for two consecutive weeks and recorded in Resolution Book 3 in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to adopt County Resolution 2018-05, a Resolution proposing certain amendments to the Neighborhood Revitalization Plans of Doniphan County, Kansas and all local taxing districts therein and providing for a public hearing on December 31, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried. Said Resolution will be published in The Kansas Chief, the official County newspaper, for two consecutive weeks and recorded in Resolution Book 3 in the office of the County Clerk.

Gary Satter with Glacial Hills RC&D Council gave the Board of County Commissioners an annual update on projects overseen by the Glacial Hills Council and requested financial support in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve \$3,000.00 in annual support for the 2018 year for Glacial Hills RC&D Council. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to reduce the debt within the Road and Bridge Department by paying off early the lease purchase of four 2015 John Deere 770G Motor Graders in the amount of \$278,519.08. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the following unapproved expenditures within the Road Department: Harmon OK Tire Store \$525.00, Quick Parts LLC \$422.00, Quick Parts LLC \$281.40, Dave's Diesel \$1,455.26, Franken Auto Parts \$251.98 and Bolin Hydraulic \$1,955.03. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve request and petition on behalf of Centurylink for buried telephone cable along St. Columbus Road, as part of the Connect America Broadband project. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with estimated material cost figures for chip sealing county roadways:

- Oil/chat/base rock (new road) \$59,050.00 per mile
- Oil/chat (existing road) \$11,500.00 per mile
- Oil/chat/patch (existing road) \$13,500.00 per mile

Norris explained oil and chat roads are typically resurfaced every other year, with asphalt roads having a life expectancy of 5 years at an approximate cost of \$200,000 for materials.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, stated she has sent a request to each of the Road District Shops requesting a project, equipment and goal list for 2019. In addition, Mrs. Norris is in the process of developing a priority road list for snow routes for persons having medical needs. She encouraged any resident with a severe medical condition to contact the Road Department to be placed on the priority snow route list.

Chris Griffin, USDA Soil Conservation District Office, contacted the Road Department in regard to \$2,000.00 in grant funds approved for bank stabilization along the Wolf River, with Doniphan County responsible for \$1,875.00 in matching funds. Road Office Manager Norris said the funds have been available for Doniphan County's use since 2016 and if not used they will be put toward other conservation district projects and will no longer be available. The Board asked Mrs. Norris to obtain further information on specific uses for the funds.

Husker Steel plans to repair/replace bridge T133-1 on 190th and Elgin Roads during the summer 2019.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, informed the County Commission her office has been contacted requesting trees along county roadways be trimmed back during the winter season.

November 2018 Road Improvement Fund balances and Road and Bridge expenditures were presented to the Board for their review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

The Board recessed at 10:12 A.M. with the meeting called back to order at 10:17 A.M. in the office of the County Commission.

Commissioner Collins asked for the Board's consideration in increasing the Doniphan County credit card limit authority from the current limit of \$2,500.00. Commissioners Geiger and McKernan were in agreement of keeping the credit card limit set at \$2,500.00.

At 10:22 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion 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 be called back to order at 10:52 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion and it carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 10:52 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to extend the executive session for the purpose of continuing discussion of and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Road Department with the meeting to be called back to order at 10:57 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. All remained.

At 10:57 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Appraiser's Office with the meeting to be called back to order at 11:07 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Appraiser remained.

At 11:08 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the County Attorney's Office with the meeting to be called back to order at 11:18 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Observer Susan Studer suggested the County partner with local school districts to assist in the Senior Citizens Centers and said providing Senior Citizens Centers is a good way to check on the welfare of the elderly within the County. Secondly, Mrs. Studer asked the County Commission to also look at the cost of repairs to road equipment when they look at paying off the debt on some equipment. Thirdly, she asked for a cost analysis on a gravel road compared to chip seal and asphalt. Finally, she recommended partnering with other businesses and landowners for such things as trimming trees along county roadways.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:24 A.M.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman