

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 9, 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 absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart observed the entire regular meeting. Others present for a portion of the meeting included Highland City Clerk Joann Karn, Highland City Councilman Terry Jo Gibson, First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Second District Road Foreman Nick Pople, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Aging Administrator Peggy Wood.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include executive session to discuss and protect the interest of non-elect personnel. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2019 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$722.26. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 7 local inmates and 5 Wyandotte County inmates.

Highland City Councilman Terry Jo Gibson appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to request an update on County Attorney Charles Baskins selling delinquent tax property within the City of Highland, as the City is under pressure to address dilapidated buildings within the City. Councilman Gibson stated the City of Highland also has concerns with the Economic Development Director not contacting a prospective business in reference to location within the City of Highland. In the absence of the County Attorney and Economic Development Director, Chairman Geiger offered the City of Highland has jurisdiction within their municipality to take the initiative to foreclose on properties and contact prospective businesses. Mr. Gibson said a number of citizens within the City of Highland would like to hold an evening meeting with the County Attorney and Economic Development Director to discuss the issues at hand. Commissioner Collins said he would attend on behalf of his constituents.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Pople told the County Board the Second Road District continues to maintain county roadways, is in the process of clearing brush and trees away from 205th Road in order to dry out the roadway and as soon as utilities are located on 133th Road, near Monument Road, in Section 14, Township 4, Range 21E work will begin on tube replacement project.

Discussion was held in regard to equipping the Hyundai excavator with an auxiliary hydraulic system in order for the equipment to operate a vibrating hammer used to drive piling and for road bank work. Foreman Popple is obtaining cost estimates for the auxiliary hydraulic system.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price informed the County Commission the First District Road Crew is working to remove bridge structure T418-1 on Friendship Road, south of 110th Road in Section 33, Township 4, Range 20E in order to replace with road tube. Keebler Electric has begun installation of electrical in the First District equipment storage building and The Waldinger Corporation is in the process of obtaining material for new service to the existing building.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair work to the 2012 Freightliner (#4) DEF (Diesel Engine Fluid) system by Central Power Systems in the amount of \$1,297.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Allan Dawson, U.S. Census Bureau, met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss timetable for 2020 Census and need to recruit census takers for Doniphan County, Kansas. Mr. Dawson stated the U.S. Census Bureau pays \$15.00 per hour plus \$0.58 per mile with a flexible work schedule. The U.S. Census Bureau will begin the hiring process in January 2020 with the official Census to begin April 1, 2020. For those interested in applying or obtaining additional information, please call 1-855-562-2020. The Board of County Commissioners remind citizens of the importance of participating in the 2020 Census for fair political representation and Federal assistance. Chairman Geiger stated on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners Doniphan County's willingness to make available facilities to assist with the 2020 Census.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss amendment of the 2019 Elderly budget and reimbursement of funds into Title III C1 and Title III C2 programs by Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with the November 2019 departmental budget and expense report for their review.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to appropriate \$8,500.00 to Glacial Hills RC& D Council for 2019 support of Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation program. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission of the City of Troy's decision to increase the speed limit to 45 mph on Last Chance Road from Locust Street south to city limits. The Board of County Commissioners will need to take formal action on increasing the speed limit on the east side of Last Chance Road. The Board tabled action pending review of previous action taken on reducing the speed limit.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve engineering invoices to Schwab-Eaton, PA in the amount of \$2,689.22 for application to the 2021 Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System and Short Span Bridge Replacement programs. And \$17,348.97 for construction engineering fees in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Funds

Exchange overlay project on 165th Road in Third District. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris for a year-to-date compilation of repair expenses for county road equipment, in particular Freightliner trucks.

Commissioner Geiger stated the Road Department will be putting together a guardrail replacement program to be implemented during the winter months.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said the Road Crews will also be looking at additional roadways to be designated as “Minimal Maintenance”.

Commissioner Collins has asked Husker Steel for a cost estimate to drive piling and repair a bridge structure on Elgin Road, north of 125th Road, in Section 24, Township 4, Range 19E.

At 9:56 A.M. Commissioner Geiger 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 in the office of the County Commission at 10:06 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. The County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:12 A.M.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman