

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

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 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 regular meeting. Others present for a portion of the meeting included Attorney Joel Euler, Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple, Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris and Vance Brothers Representative Adam Hahs.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include executive session with legal counsel. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the February 10, 2020 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of February 28, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2019 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$143.10. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 1 Wyandotte County and 10 local inmates.

Attorney Joel Euler, representing Elwood Gladden Drainage District, was present to update the Board of County Commissioners on the first phase of repairs to the levee structure, south of US Highway 36, which will include under seepage berm repair, raising the height of the levee structure and acquisition of permanent easements from adjoining landowners. The total cost to repair the levee structure along the Missouri River is \$77 million, with Elwood Gladden Drainage District responsible for \$3 million of the cost. Mr. Euler requested \$150,000.00 from proceeds of the Doniphan County Sales Tax Fund to assist with repairs. Commissioner Collins expressed approval for the expense stating funds would be used to make permanent improvements to the levee structure which will protect the County's investment and infrastructure. Commissioner McKernan concurred stating improvements made to the levee structure not only protect infrastructure but also protect residential properties and the County's industrial area. Commissioner Geiger, in agreement, pointed out use of sales tax monies would be an equitable distribution of tax dollars in an area underserved by Doniphan County due to lack of County roads and other County services. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to allocate \$150,000.00 from the New Sales Tax fund to Elwood Gladden Drainage District to assist with phase one of the levee structure repair project. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes told the Board of County Commission the Road District is building road closed barriers and requested permission to order additional "Road Closed" signs to post on barriers. The Board of County Commissioners made no objection to ordering additional "Road Closed" signs after review of inventory to determine the number needed.

Foreman Gerdes also requested permission to purchase two tarps for rock trucks in the Third Road District in order to be prepared for hauling chat. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to purchase two tarps for rock trucks in the Third Road District. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Poppo stated the Second District is continuing to maintain equipment during inclement weather. Repairs are scheduled to be made to the oil distributor the week of February 24, 2020. Foreman Poppo asked for future consideration to the purchase of a push mower to maintain the grounds around the Second District Road Shop building.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, in reviewing sealed bids opened and read aloud at the February 10, 2020 Commission meeting for the purchase of a Noxious Weed pickup, discovered Lewis Chevrolet bid amount was incorrect. Director Norris said he contacted Lewis Chevrolet who agreed the actual bid amount should've been \$32,339.60, therefore not the lowest bid submitted. Commissioner Collins made a motion to rescind the motion from the February 10, 2020 meeting for the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD pickup from Lewis Chevrolet in the amount of \$31,347.60. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the low bid of Hiawatha Ford for the purchase of a 2020 F350 4x4 pickup for the Noxious Weed Department in the amount of \$31,995.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Geiger asked for the Board's consideration in making it common practice to table action on sealed bids until the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in order to properly review bids as submitted for accuracy and completeness.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to accept work order change for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) project on Lonestar Road in Section 5, Township 5, Range 21E replacing road tube with 18"x30' tube and reshaping banks, per recommendation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to rent a wood chipper from Foley Equipment at a cost of \$1802.00 per month to assist with tree/brush removal. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve installation of guttering and downspouts on Health Department building lean-to in the amount of \$375.00, with expense to be paid from New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Household Hazardous Waste collections by Jackson County, Kansas, for the month of January 2020 were presented to the Board for their review by the County Clerk.

Correspondence was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Troy USD 429 regarding participation in the 2nd annual community service day to be held April 24, 2020, with a weather date scheduled for May 1, 2020. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to participate in the Kindergarten-6th Grade give back to their community service day by asking for assistance with dusting and cleaning of glass display cases on the first floor of the courthouse and courtroom in preparation of the Big Kansas Road Trip.

Discussion was held in regard to payment for transfer of equipment between departments to offset budgetary expenses. The Board tabled action until their March 2, 2020 meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners also reviewed proposal and discussed contracting with Profession Insurance Consultants for employee benefits and human resource compliance. Action was tabled until the regular meeting on March 2, 2020.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported a cash balance to date in the Federal Funds Exchange program of \$225,712.82.

Manager Norris is working to set up a two-day motor grader operator training at a cost of \$50.00 per employee. She will reach out to cities within the county and neighboring counties to determine an interest in participation.

The Northeast Kansas Highway Officials meeting will be held on March 26, 2020 in Holton, Kansas.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with a sample of washed chat from Norris Quarries at a cost of \$20.00 per ton. Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase up to 3,000 ton of washed chat from Norris Quarries at a cost of \$20.00 per ton for the upcoming 2020 chip seal season. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

January 2020 Road Department expenses and Road Improvement Fund balances were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to enter into a contract with Schwab-Eaton, PA for construction engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$53,700.00 for replacement of bridge structure T831-1 located on 195th Road, east of Troy, Kansas, in Section 16 Township 3 Range 21E. The bridge replacement is part of the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Replacement 80-20% matching fund grants program. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair work to bridge structure T314-1 on Elgin Road in Section 19, Township 4 Range 20E, by Husker Steel and Norfolk Contracting in the amount of \$32,774.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement with Schwab-Eaton, PA to perform required Kansas Department of Transportation interim bridge inspections on 24 structures at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:46 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters with counsel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:50 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:51 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break until 9:56 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters with counsel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:15 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Adam Hahs, Vance Brothers, presented the Board of County Commissioners with 2020 oil prices for the upcoming chip seal season:

RS-1H	\$1.85/gallon
RS-1HP	\$2.10/gallon
RS-1H+	\$1.95/gallon
MC30	\$2.80/gallon (primer)
Freight	\$0.08/gallon

Discussion was held in regard to use of polymer oil versus RS-1H+ oil. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to accept oil prices as presented with future discussion to be held on the type of oil to purchase. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:51 A.M.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman