

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 3, 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 First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple, Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Register of Deeds Susan Shuster.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters with Counsel. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve warrants for the period of January 31, 2020 as presented. 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 \$931.40. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of January 2020 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 9 local and 2 Wyandotte County inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners and Road Foremen discussed a plan for repairing soft spots in gravel roadways that need extra attention in order to address continual problems, by use of large base rock or drainage tile. In addition, the Board discussed looking at two to three small stretches of roadway per year, on major collectors, that see a lot of commercial traffic and shoring up the roadways.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple informed the County Commission the Second Road District is continuing to haul stock pile broken up concrete and hauled in 3" base rock on 190th Road, west of Troy, Kansas, to repair the road where salt was unloaded for the Kansas Department of Transportation. He has done some research into using calcium and magnesium chloride on gravel roadways during inclement weather. Foremen Popple and Price both indicated usage on calcium and magnesium chloride on gravel roads would create a barrier on the road surface, similar to dust control, and could not be bladed or the seal on the roadway would be broken causing the need for reapplication. The Foremen both agreed the usage of beet juice during inclement weather on county roads is not feasible; as it is made up of 90% salt water and 10% beet juice.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to purchase two tires for the 2006 International snow plow truck at the Third District Road Shop from Triple L Tire at a cost of approximately \$397.00 each. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes told the County Commission Mark Long, Electrician for the new equipment storage building for the District, will change out electrical outlets with GFI outlets to meet compliance requirements of KCAMP, the County's liability insurance carrier.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price informed the County Board 3" base rock and rock from Schneider Quarry will be needed on 160th Road, north of Denton, Kansas, once the roadway dries out and has been re-shaped.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with departmental inventory, with the exception of the Sheriff's Department and Elwood, Highland and Troy Senior Citizens Sites, for their review pursuant to KSA 19-2687.

Michael Grable appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to request motor grader stinger blades not be used on county roads, as usage of the blades causes large rock to come to the top of the surface and smaller rock to fall below the road surface, making the roadway soft.

At 9:02 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 within the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:32 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk, Road Office Manager and First District Road Foreman remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to terminate employment of First District Road Employee Jeffrey Alfrey effective February 3, 2020. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss a plan for uninterrupted meal service to homebound individuals during inclement weather. Administrator Wood suggested the usage of MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat) as an alternative when Meals on Wheels are unable to be delivered due to inclement weather. The Board of County Commissioners suggested homebound individuals in rural locations contact the Aging Department to be placed on a list for meal delivery during inclement weather.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to hire Melvin Massey as part-time driver for the Doniphan County Transportation Department. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Aging Administrator Wood informed the County Commission the windshield on the Meals on Wheels van is cracked and needs to be replaced, along with two other Transportation vans' having chipped windshield. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to contract with Safelite Auto Glass to have the windshields repaired.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson discussed with the Board of County Commissioners dates and times for the Doniphan County Courthouse to be open for tours during the Kansas Sampler Foundation's Big Kansas Road Trip to be held May 7-10, 2020. The Big Kansas Road Trip will showcase the counties of Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha educating Kansans about Kansas and exploring communities throughout the State. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to open the courthouse to the public on Saturday, May 9, 2020 between the hours of 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. and Sunday, May 10, 2020 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. to accommodate tourist

of the Big Kansas Road Trip, with employees volunteering to staff the building being allowed to utilize comp time. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Roger Engemann, Rural Water District #5, presented the Board of County Commissioners with a request and petition to install a 2” waterline in the road right-of-way along Runnymede Road from 1492 Runnymede Road to 1576 Runnymede Road, and bore under 255th Road. Rural Water District #5 would be responsible for moving of waterline if future tube repair/replacement is necessary. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve the Request and Petition on behalf of Rural Water District #5 for placement of 2” waterline in right-of-way along Runnymede Road from 1492 to 1576 Runnymede and boring of 255th Road. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Collins 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 Commissioners at 10:10 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to engage the services of Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd LLC to review County practices and procedures of the County Treasurers Office from October 2017 to present. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster met with the Board of County Commissioners to request additional compensation for performing IT duties. Commissioner Collins suggested monthly compensation in the amount of \$100.00. Commissioner McKernan said he was not prepared to take action at this time. Commissioner Geiger asked for concrete information on the number of hours spent performing IT services for the County in addition to required duties of the Register of Deeds prior to the Board taking action.

Commissioner Collins asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to set up motor grader operator training for employees of the Road Department.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board with samples of warning signs and devices to be placed at the intersection of 165th Road and K 238 Highway for their approval. The Commission asked Manager Norris to obtain specifications on ESB-DB Type B flashing light with detachable base, prior to the Board taking action.

Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board with 2020 rock prices from Hamm’s Quarry, Whetrock and Servaes Quarry.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve repair work to the 2006 International snow plow truck, as previously discussed, by Foley Equipment in the amount of \$531.60. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:29 A.M.

DATED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman

