

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 13, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 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 Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple, Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Foley Equipment Sales Representative Kevin Bell, Murphy Tractor Sales Representatives Jacob White and Brian Bremer.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the January 6, 2020 regular meeting as written. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 15, 2020 as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve added taxes to the 2019 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$415.66. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 7 local and 2 Wyandotte County inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners will not hold a regular meeting the week of January 20, 2020 due to the observation of Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple told the County Commission the vibra hammer has been installed on the excavator at the Second Road District, to be used by all road districts. The new Sharq mounting blades have been installed on one of the motor graders in the Second Road District and used to break up ice on county roadways. The Second Road District is continuing to haul stock pile broken up concrete.

Commissioner Collins, on behalf of the First Road District, informed the County Board a tube on Coronado Road has been fixed and the road crew continues to work on maintenance projects.

Commissioner Geiger reiterated the need for landowners to enroll projects in the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), a cost share program between landowners, USDA Natural Resources Conservation District Office and Doniphan County to prevent water runoff from farm fields which causes detriment to county roadways.

At 9:17 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:27 A.M. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Noxious Weed Director remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into an agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance to treat all noxious weeds on State highway rights-of-way in the County at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for labor and \$30.00 per hour for equipment for the year 2020. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Regional Conservation Partnership Program watershed project on Heartland Road in Section 27, Township 2, Range 20E consisting of clean out around road tube, reshape and reseeding of road bank. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris requested permission to seek bids for the purchase of a Noxious Weed pickup truck to replace the 2011 Ford F-250 and questioned if monies would be transferred into the Noxious Weed fund from the Road and Bridge fund once the 2011 Ford F-250 is transferred to the Road Department. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to seek bids for replacement of the 2011 F-250 Noxious Weed truck and took no action on transfer of funds to reimburse the Noxious Weed Department to move the 2011 F-250 pickup truck to the Road Department.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to execute the 2019 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report as reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the 2020 Doniphan County Noxious Weed Management Plan as presented by Director Jim Norris. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Geiger executed the annual System for Award Management (SAM's) entity administrator designation letter. Said letter designates County Clerk Peggy Franken as the manager of Doniphan County's registration records for federal grants.

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

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Board the Road Department would begin the process of securing chat prices for the 2020 chip seal season.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, presented the Board of County Commissioners with options for warning signs and safety devices to be located at the intersection of 165th and K-238 Highway for their consideration. The Board took no action.

Manager Norris also told the County Board she is checking with the Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the County's liability insurance carrier on regulations or implications for removal of the Diesel Exhaust Fluid System (DEF) from the 2012 Freightliner trucks. Commissioner Collins asked Norris to find out a cost to update the DEF system in the motors of the 2012 Freightliner trucks for the Board's consideration.

The Road Department is compiling an inventory of tires in stock prior to putting out bid specs for the purchase of additional tires.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to enter into a hold harmless agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and City of Severance, Kansas, for road maintenance on Gore Street within the city limits of Severance, Kansas. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into an agreement with Schwab-Eaton PA for preliminary engineering services for replacement of bridge RS160 located on 180th Road immediately north of Severance, Kansas. The bridge replacement project is partially funded through the Kansas Department of Transportation Short Span Bridge Replacement Program. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:13 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break and reconvened in the office of the County Commission at 10:18 A.M.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Road Department expenses of \$384.34 to Bolin Hydraulic and \$279.60 to Foley Equipment. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with year-to-day Road Department expense reports and Road Improvement Fund balances for their review.

At 10:30 A.M. bid letting was held for the purchase of four 2020 motor graders for the Road Department. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

84 month/5,000 hour warranty without ripper attachment:

Foley Equipment:

- CAT 140 Tandem Drive \$230,674.00 (guaranteed trade allowance \$139,731)
- CAT 140 AWD \$259,512.00 (guaranteed trade allowance \$168,210)

Murphy Tractor

- John Deere 670GP Tandem Drive \$232,613.00 (less \$10,000 discount per machine with purchase of four machines)
- John Deere 672GP AWD \$262,521.00 (less \$11,200 discount per machine with purchase of four machines)

84 month/7,000 hour warranty without ripper attachment:

Foley Equipment:

- CAT 140 Tandem Drive \$239,200.00 (guaranteed trade allowance \$123,301)
- CAT 140 AWD \$266,171.00 (guaranteed trade allowance \$151,780)

Murphy Tractor:

- John Deere 670GP Tandem Drive \$237,613.00 (less \$10,000 discount per machine with purchase of four machines)
- John Deere 672GP AWD \$267,521.00 (less \$11,200 discount per machine with purchase of four machines)

At 10:40 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of holding discussion on trade secrets with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:55 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 10:55 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of holding discussion on trade secrets with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 11:10 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 11:10 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of holding discussion on trade secrets with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 11:15 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the bid of Murphy Tractor for the purchase of two (2) 2020 John Deere 670GP Tandem Drive motor graders at a cost of \$232,613.00 each less \$10,000 discount per machine and two (2) 2020 John Deere 672GP AWD motor graders at a cost of \$262,521.00 each less \$11,200 discount per machine all without ripper attachment and an 84 month/5,000 hour comprehensive warranty. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:26 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 11:36 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:39 A.M.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman