

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 22, 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 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 presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the January 14, 2019 regular and reorganization meetings as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve added taxes in the amount of \$101.58 and abated tax in the amount of \$329.74 to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the period of January 1-15, 2019 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently there are 17 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

County Clerk/County Election Officer Peggy Franken informed the County Commission the elections office would be purchasing two additional poll pads from KnowInk for a total cost of \$2,860.00.

Commissioner Geiger said there is a lot of progression with wind farm development in northeast Kansas and asked that the County Board educate themselves on zoning and road issues, as well as, the benefits and quality of life to Doniphan County, prior to being approached. The Board of County Commissioners will meet with Zoning Administrator Julie Meng and speak with adjoining counties at future meetings to better prepare.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood presented the Board of County Commissioners with a year-to-date accounting of congregate and home delivered meals by each Senior Citizens Center, along with meal cost analysis. Chairman Geiger asked Administrator Wood to determine the viability of each Center by doing an actual attendance count of Doniphan County residents eating and participating in activities at each Center now through March 31, 2019, with further discussion to be held at the Board's April 1, 2019 meeting.

Corey Smith requested Second District Commissioner Thad Geiger have the Second District Road Crew maintain Larkinburg Road north of 215th Road, in order for Mr. Smith to haul feed for cattle. Commissioner Geiger asked Mr. Smith to notify the road department and said he would talk to Second District Road Foreman Danny Adkins to make sure the roadway is bladed by the Second District Road Crew.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on a long range road plan, including making permanent improvements by the use of asphalt on roadways that have potential for development and high traffic counts, with some of the cost to be paid from the Sales Tax fund. The Commission was in agreement to accomplish three initial goals in order to achieve a long range road plan: 1) Set rotation schedule for resealing hard surfaced roads; 2) Address drainage issues on hard surfaced roadways; and 3) Address shoulder repair/issues on hard surfaced roadways.

Commissioner Geiger asked for the County Commissioners consideration on operating the Road Department as a county unit rather than three separate districts, thereby making the best use of crew members by forming a maintenance crew, equipment crew, chip seal and hard surface road crew and road tube crew.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported approximately 1,500 ton of chat currently in the County's stockpile to be used on 2019 chip seal projects. The Board was in agreement to haul an additional 2,000 ton of washed chat from Hamm's Quarry for the 2019 season.

Road Office Manager Norris also informed the County Commission she is obtaining costs for geo-tech fabric matting material to be placed on roadways prior to rocking or hard surfacing.

Susan Studer asked the status of local telephone companies expanding high speed internet into rural areas. The Board suggested she contact local carriers and the Commission would follow up with Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson.

Mrs. Studer also asked the Commission where 205th Road, west of Mesquito Creek Road, ends as there has been no maintenance. Commissioner Geiger said he would address with the Second District Road Crew and ask that they extend maintenance routes during inclement weather to better serve county residents.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:03 A.M.

DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman