

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 27, 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, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, Zoning Administrator Julie Meng and Mirror Counselor Donna Jensen.

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

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular and Reorganization meetings as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 31, 2020 as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2019 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$5,897.36. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the period of January 1-15, 2020 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 13 local and 2 Wyandotte County inmates.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes told the County Commission the Road District is working on road maintenance. He requested permission to purchase two tires for the 2006 International snow plow truck. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the purchase of two tires for the 2006 International snow plow truck, with prices to be obtained and purchase made with lowest vendor. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Foreman Gerdes also informed the County Board a recent inspection by KWORCC, the County workman's comp insurance carrier, revealed GFI outlets need to be installed in the new equipment storage shop buildings. The Board of County Commissioners requested each Road Foreman contact electricians who initially installed electrical in the buildings to obtain a cost estimate to replace outlets and present to the Board at a future meeting.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple told the County Commission the Road District continues to perform road maintenance and will need to restore sand and chat inventory used for snow and ice mitigation during recent ice storms.

Commissioner Geiger said he was contacted by representatives of The Boat Club, south of Wathena, Kansas, stating they had sand from Missouri River flooding cleanup available. Commissioner Geiger and Road Foremen will view the condition of the sand before deciding on purchase.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price stated for public information Doniphan County does not have salt on hand for use on hard surfaced roads (sand and chat are used for ice control) and does not and will not salt rock roads, as salt breaks down the base of the road.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to repair the circuit board of the welder/generator on the bridge trailer at a cost of \$696.69. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission he obtained three loads of sand to help with ice control at a total cost of \$458.56. The purchase exceeds his spending authority, however was needed for emergency purposes to assist with inclement weather conditions. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of three loads of sand at a cost of \$458.56. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan asked Road Foremen about the usage of beet juice and calcium chloride to treat hard surfaced roadways prior to inclement weather. The Board of County Commissioners asked the Road Foremen to check into the feasibility of using the product and contractors who may be able to assist with application.

Commissioner Geiger told the Road Foremen he was contacted by an individual who has a used 10'x35' tube available for purchase by Doniphan County if there is a need. No action was taken.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple informed the County Commission the #181 2015 177G John Deere motor grader, subject to buy back by Murphy Tractor, was written up for having a heavy cigarette smoke smell in the cab. The Board of County Commissioners reiterated the County's no smoking policy in any County owned buildings or vehicles. The Board directed Foreman Popple and other Department Administrators to follow the Disciplinary Action policy in the Doniphan County Personnel Policy when disciplining any employee in violation of County policies.

Donna Jensen, Drug and Alcohol Counselor with Mirror Inc., appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to request an increase in funding from proceeds of the Liquor Tax Fund in order to continue providing drug and alcohol counseling services through KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center. The Board of County Commissioners asked Mrs. Jensen to formulate a comprehensive plan between KANZA Mental Health, Doniphan County Health Department, Doniphan County Sheriff's Department and Mirror Inc. for their consideration prior to the Board agreeing to additional funds.

Correspondence was presented to the Board of County Commissioners from Doniphan County Planning and Zoning regarding change of zoning public hearings to be held February 12, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. for 1) 304 N 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Elwood, Kansas, for auto repair business and 2) 926 Hwy 7, Troy, Kansas for location of events center.

At 9:23 A.M. the Board of County recessed for a 5-minute break with the meeting called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:28 A.M.

At 9:28 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing trade secrets with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:53 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk, Economic Development Director and Zoning Administrator remained.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to adopt the 2020 Doniphan County Employee Personnel Policy incorporating a policy for pre-employment physicals for “safety sensitive” positions and a return to duty policy for all employees, amending sick and vacation leave increments and amendments to Employee Appearance Policy. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Norfolk Contracting will begin work on bridge T133-1, northeast of Severance, Kansas, mid-February weather permitting.

Norris also informed the Board the City of Elwood has installed red flashing lights on both Roseport and 165<sup>th</sup> Roads to warn motorists of the upcoming intersection. She will obtain cost estimates for additional warning signage for the Board’s consideration.

Road Office Manager Norris has obtained chat prices for the 2020 chip seal season:

Norris Quarries	\$20.00 per ton (washed)
Hamm Quarries	No Chat at Cummings Quarry
Servaes Quarry	\$15.00 per ton (unwashed)

Manager Norris is waiting on the cost of haydite for the Commissions consideration. No action was taken on the purchase of chat for the 2020 chip seal season.

An inspection list of repairs needed to four 2015 John Deere motor graders was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Murphy Tractor. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to make minimal repairs and sell the motor graders back to Murphy Tractor, with Murphy Tractor to bill Doniphan County at a later date for replacement tires and needed repair work.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with a tire inventory list for the Road Department, prior to placing tire specifications out for bid.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with adjoining landowners Ronald Scholz and Marion Schuetz to bore 18” drain tile under Black Jack Road in Sections 32 & 33, Township 4, Range 19E. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioners Collins made a motion to approve Road fund expenses to Orscheln Farm & Home \$377.77, Murphy Tractor \$560.09 and Foley Equipment \$279.66. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Paul Stewart asked the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration in formulating a plan to deliver meals to homebound individuals during inclement weather. The County Commissioners asked County Clerk Peggy Franken to add to the February 3, 2020 County Commission Agenda discussion for delivery of meals on wheels during inclement weather.

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

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman