

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 28, 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 absent.

Susan Studer observed the entire meeting. John M. Studer, Jr. observed a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the January 22, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 31, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Currently there are 18 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

John M. Smith, Jr. was present to discuss political views with the County Board.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood presented the Board of County Commissioners with the Doniphan County Public Transportation Service Notice of Public Rights Policy and Procedures, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. In addition, Administrator Wood reviewed the Doniphan County Public Transportation Code of Ethics adopted May 23, 2016.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to extend for a period of one year, cash rent of the 22.5 acre Doniphan County landfill farm to tenant Jared Meng at a rate of \$194.00 per acre commencing March 1, 2019. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on publishing public notices on the Doniphan County website as a way to fulfill their statutory obligation and be fiscally responsible to the tax payer. It was agreed the County would continue to publish statutorily required public notices in the official county newspaper, as well as, on the County's website at www.dpcountyks.com as a way to reach those who get their information online and also those who do not have access to the internet.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Elizabeth Collins, Webcom Resources, along with Register of Deeds Susan Shuster met with the County Commissioners to give a review of the 2018 Doniphan County website. Ms. Collins also explained to the County Commission that Webcom Resources wasn't contracted with to provide email services to the County departments and suggested the County reach out for another email solution to maintain the County's email service. Ms. Shuster said she is obtaining cost information for contacting with an outside provider for branded domain email services and would discuss at a future meeting with the County Board.

Economic Development Director Johnson discussed the benefits of internet service to the rural areas of the County and said she would be reaching out to providers to discuss the USDA's ReConnect Program, a program to connect rural areas that currently have insufficient or no broadband service.

At 9:44 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Noxious Weed Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:54 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Motion carried. The County Clerk and Noxious Weed Director remained.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to hold interviews for Noxious Weed Director beginning at 8:00 A.M. Monday, February 4, 2019.

Second District Road Foreman Danny Adkins asked for compensation in lieu of taking the County's health insurance. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to grant Second District Road Foreman Danny Adkins \$2.25 per hour compensation in lieu of participating in the County's health insurance. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris asked the Board of County Commissioners for a road in each district to be considered for hard surface by use of asphalt in order for Herzog to view prior to the meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss hard surfacing options. First District Commissioner Tim Collins sited Elgin Road, south of Highway 120 E or Coronado Road, north of Highland, Kansas. Second District Commissioner Thad Geiger recommended 190th Road in Blair, Kansas and Third District Commissioner Jerry McKernan sited 175th Road west of Wathena city limits to Randolph Road.

Discussion was held in regards to using a portion of sales tax funds to hard surface, by use of asphalt, county roadways in each district, with a sunset clause as to not bind future commissions. Commissioner McKernan stressed the importance of the sales tax proceeds to each city and for County capital improvement projects.

Commissioner McKernan also said he would be in favor of extending the number of miles of roadway in the First and Second Districts chip sealed each year in order to get the roads on a rotation schedule to be resealed.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the following unapproved expenditures for the Road Department: Holliday Sand and Gravel \$644.61, Bolin Hydraulic \$283.64, Foley Equipment \$303.46, Kansasland Tire \$2,854.56. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Norris presented the Board with cost estimate from Van Keppel to repair the chat spreader in the amount of \$25,409.05. No action was taken pending determination of market value after the equipment is repaired.

Commissioner Geiger told the County Commission he has received several compliments on road blading following the winter snow storms. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reminded persons with medical conditions to please contact the Road Office to be placed on an emergency snow removal route list.

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the 2019 Doniphan County Personnel Policy and Procedures manual and agreed to make no changes.

Susan Studer said she would like to thank Steve Schultz, motor grader operator in the Second District, for a wonderful job blading during recent snow storms. Secondly, Mrs. Studer asked for future discussion on what the County Commissioners feel the mission or purpose of the official county newspaper should be.

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

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman