

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 7, 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 amended to include discussion on probationary pay increase for First District Road Foreman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the December 31, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve abated taxes in the amount of \$50.76 to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of December 2018 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

Currently there are 12 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

Bob Edie, former Doniphan County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to voice concerns with early payoff of four 2015 John Deere 770G motor graders. Chairman Geiger explained the early payoff was to save paying additional interest on the note and does not jeopardize rollover options on the equipment.

Third District Road Foreman Stephen Gerdes informed the County Commission Van Keppel could perform an analysis on the 2005 Etnyre chip spreader, at a cost of \$140.00 per hour, to determine the extent of repairs needed. It was the consensus of the Board of County Commissioners to approve Van Keppel performing a repair analysis on the chip spreader, with final approval to be given by the Board before any repair work is completed.

Third District Foreman Gerdes also presented the County Commission with cost estimates for the purchase of a skid steer for use countywide and backhoe for the Second Road District. No action was taken.

Foreman Gerdes said the roller used for patch will need to have the hydraulics and drive motor assessed for repair prior to 2019 patch work beginning, with the County road crew to perform the necessary repair work.

Sheriff Chad Clary was present to address concerns of Citizen Chris Walter, who addressed the County Commission during the previous meeting in regard to the purchase of cameras for County Law Enforcement Officers. Sheriff Clary told the County Commission three body cameras and three patrol car cameras had been purchased in December 2018, with body cameras currently being used and car cameras to be utilized once installed. Sheriff Clary advised the County Board an additional server may need to be purchased for use in storing video recordings from the devices at the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Geiger asked Sheriff Clary to address protocol and usage of the cameras in the Sheriff's Department Policy and Procedures manual.

Sheriff Chad Clary asked for an increase in the TAC Officers pay from \$25.00 per month up to \$50.00 or \$75.00. The Board tabled action pending discussion on pay increases for 2019.

Leah B. Johnson, Economic Development Director, informed the County Commission of attendance at the annual Kansas Economic Development Alliance legislative day January 30, 2019. Discussion was held in regard to making contact with the USDA Rural Development Association regarding longevity of the rail line and rail road bridge connecting Missouri and Elwood, Kansas, as it pertains to future expansion of businesses in the Elwood area.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart asked Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson about the potential of wind turbine development in Doniphan County. Mrs. Johnson said she has not been contacted about expansion from neighboring counties.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Board with the year-end departmental budget and expense report. Clerk Franken pointed out all funds were within budgeted authority, however due to operating expense transfers from the Elderly fund not being submitted prior to December 31, 2018 by the Department, Title IIIC1, Title IIIC2 and Title IIIB Transportation funds ended the year with a negative cash balance.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve probationary pay increase for First District Road Foreman Sean Price from \$40,000.00 to \$42,080.00 effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners were in consensus to advertise for a period of two weeks an advertisement to fill the position of Noxious Weed Director. Discussion was held in regard to making the position a year round position, with the Noxious Weed Director maintaining the county rights-of-way during the off-season.

At 9:38 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed until 9:43 A.M. with the meeting called back to order in the office of the County Commission.

Chris Adelman, Husker Steel, presented the County Board with cost figures to replace two existing wood piers with two new steel piers to accommodate a 24'-6" wide bridge with bearing requirements necessary for a HL-93 load rating for any future upgrades on bridge T133-1 located at the junction of 190<sup>th</sup> and Eminence Road ¾ miles west.

Husker Steel \$61,862.00 (materials)

Norfolk Contracting Inc. \$18,500.00 (labor)

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve replacement of piers and repair work on bridge T133-1 for the total cost of \$80,362.00 with repair to commence middle of May 2019. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of a thank you letter from the Gatz family for repair and support of the Doniphan County 4-H Group.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Board she has not received a list of guardrail needing to be installed or repaired throughout the county from the Road Foremen, however she suggested repairing existing guardrail and addressing dangerous areas that need new guardrail as a priority.

Road Office Manager Norris, without objection from the Board of County Commissioners, said Dennis Snyder will replace red flags marking washed out tubes and dangerous areas with road hazard markers.

A three year project list for chip sealed roadways, along with a proposed list of 2019 chip seal projects was presented to the County Board for their review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, who stated a stockpile of chat exists from the 2018 season. Commissioner Geiger asked the Board to consider roads that need annual chip seal and have a future for development be considered for an asphalt overlay and some roads with heavy truck traffic that are currently hard surfaced be put back to a rock road surface, as a better usage of county funds and maintenance.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission the second round of letters for roadway rights-of-way obstructions will be mailed to landowners, with a 15-day response time from date of notice for the obstruction to be removed, unless considered dangerous at which time the obstruction shall be removed immediately.

A 2019 project list for each Road District was presented to the Board for their review by the Road Office Manager.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve the purchase of a tarp mount and tarp for the 2005 Mack rock truck in the amount of \$1,579.90 from Zamzow. Motion carried. The Board had previously approved \$458.54 for the purchase of a tarp for the 2005 Mack truck.

The Road Department will apply for a risk avoidance grant through KCAMP, the County's liability insurance company, for the purchase of replacement tarps for rock trucks.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve unauthorized expenses to Highland Hardware in the amount of \$393.67 and Holiday Sand and Gravel \$615.03. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger asked the status of installing minimal maintenance road signs. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said a list of minimal maintenance roads has been given to the County Attorney to draft a designation resolution for the Board of County Commissioners consideration. Additionally, she has submitted an agreement between Doniphan County and landowner for application of dust control on county roadways to the County Attorney for review.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve a \$0.75 per hour pay increase for hourly employees, increase the starting wage to \$10.75 per hour, grant a \$1,600.00 annual pay increase to Department Heads and Elected Officials (with the exception of County Commissioners) and increase the amount of compensation in lieu of health insurance from \$1.50 per hour to \$2.25 per hour effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Action on budgeted discretionary compensation for key employees within county departments was tabled.

At 11:24 A.M. Commissioner McKernan 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 in the Road Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 11:39 A.M. Motion carried. The County Clerk and County Attorney remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to raise the base pay of the Road Office Manager to \$37,500.00 annually beginning January 1, 2019 in addition to the annual pay increase. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:32 A.M.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman