

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 15, 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 and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting. Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan was absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart and Susan Studer observed the entire meeting. Road Foremen Steve Gerdes, James Mott, Sean Price and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris attended a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Geiger seconded the motion.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve County Commission minutes of the July 8, 2019 regular meeting as written.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of July 15, 2019 as presented.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 3 local inmates and one out of county inmate.

Second District Road Foreman James Mott informed the County Board tube replacement project on Monument Road in Section 24 Township 4 Range 21E is complete. The Second District Road Crew is currently working to extend a road tube on Port William Road, south of the County Poor Farm, located in Section 1 Township 4 Range 21E, as well as, bank stabilization in the area. Road work will also begin on Ottumwa Road between 130th and 140th Roads.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price stated the First District Road Crew continues to patch smaller potholes by use of cold patch, with hot patch to be used on larger areas, in order to prepare roadways for chip seal. Trees are being cleared on 150th and Ash Point Roads (Star Corner) to prepare for tube replacement.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes told the County Commission the Third Road District continues to help Second District patch county roadways to prepare for chip seal, with patch work currently being done on Mineral Point Road followed by Mesquito Creek Road.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve rental of a large roller to assist with road patch work from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$2,350.00 per month and return two smaller rollers to Rentall Equipment.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to allow Road Foremen authority to change Road and Bridge employee work hours to 6:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. on days of extreme heat. Commissioner Geiger seconded the motion.

Commissioner Geiger informed the County Board final inspection of bridge structure T32-1 on 210th and Mineral Point Roads took place on Friday, July 12, 2019 with representatives of the Kansas Department of Transportation, Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA and Contractor Reece Construction Company. The bridge replacement project was completed in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Program.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve expenditures to Engemann Drainage Co. in the amount of \$537.00 for water line repair at the Third District road shop located at 1144 St. Columbus Road, Wathena. And Highland Hardware in the amount of \$693.47 for miscellaneous supplies for First Road District and 911 road signs. Commissioner Geiger seconded the motion.

Kevin Bell, Representative with Foley Equipment, called on the Board of County Commissioners. Foley Equipment will give an equipment demonstration on county roadways to employees of the Road Department when the work schedule allows.

Discussion was held in regard to repair of county bridge structures using county funds versus through Kansas Department of Transportation grant programs which are more cost prohibitive to the County.

Commissioner Collins said shoulder rock is needed on 240th Road from Sparks, Kansas, to the City of Highland, Kansas. No action was taken.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of Commissioners with June 2019 departmental cash and budget summary report for their review.

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed Doniphan County Resolution 2019-03, a Resolution to submit to the qualified electors of Doniphan County, Kansas, the proposition of continuing the levying of a one percent (1%) countywide retailers' sale tax for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years to take affect October 1, 2020 to:(1) to finance capital improvements to county owned property deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, including, but not limited to, repairs and improvements to the Doniphan County Courthouse and repairs and improvements to the Doniphan County Law Enforcement center; and (2) to purchase oil and chat and/or asphalt to make permanent improvements to county roads and repair existing hard surface roads; and (3) to assist with the funding of continued expenses incurred with updating and modifying the countywide 911 emergency system; and (4) pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-189(j) any funds generated from this sales tax which exceed the amount of revenue required to pay the costs of the special projects enumerated herein shall be credited to the County General Fund to relieve the tax burden of the County. Action was tabled pending further review and discussion with Commissioner Jerry McKernan.

Commissioner Geiger asked the Commissioners to consider use of sales tax monies to make permanent improvements to county roadways by use of asphalt, thereby establishing a long range hard surfaced road plan. Commissioner Collins said he was concerned with the large balance of monies in the Sales Tax fund, stating if the funds are not going to be used for levied purposes the sales tax initiative may not be approved by voters in the future. Commissioner Geiger concurred saying the Commissioners are trying to be vigilant but also need to use the funds for stated purposes or not collect.

Discussion was held in regard to the 2020 Doniphan County budget. No action was taken pending review and discussion with Commissioner McKernan.

Commissioner Collins asked for future consideration to installing two low water crossings north of the 500 block of Diamond Springs Road in Section 23, Range 4, Township 19E. No action was taken.

At 9:22 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 in the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:32 A.M. The County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Geiger stated the Second District will advertise to fill the position of Road Foreman, as effective July 15, 2019 Interim Road Foreman James Mott has elected to return to a laborer/operator within the Department.

Commissioner Collins asked County Attorney Charles Baskins the status of holding a tax foreclosure sale. County Attorney Baskins advised his office is currently collecting tax on delinquent properties.

Commissioner Collins also asked County Attorney Baskins the procedure for disposing of old road signs and road tubes no longer in use by Doniphan County. County Attorney Baskins opined personal property no longer in use may be disposed of and suggested Road Manager Lindsay Norris contact Missouri Iron Metal to confirm disposal.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:43 A.M.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman