

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 17, 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 regular meeting. Road Foremen Steve Gerdes and James Mott, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator/Planning Administrator Julie Meng and Wayne Rush attended a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include executive session for non-elect personnel. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the June 10, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 5 local inmates.

Susan Studer asked for road maintenance, including drainage along 205<sup>th</sup> Road, north of Troy, Kansas. Second District Road Foreman James Mott said the road crew would address within the week, weather permitting.

Road Foremen James Mott and Steve Gerdes told the County Board the Road Department will begin patch work on county roadways, in order to prepare for the 2019 chip seal season, using hot patch from Herzog Contracting Corporation. Should enough product not be available through Herzog Contracting Corporation, the Road Department will purchase through Keller Construction Company, at the same cost with a minimum of 40 ton of material required to be purchased.

James Mott, Second District Road Foreman, informed the County Commission of road closure on Ottumwa Road, between 130<sup>th</sup> and 140<sup>th</sup> Roads, due to tube collapse. A temporary repair will be made to get the roadway reopened to thru traffic, with permanent tube replacement and sloping of banks to take place upon the completion of hard surfaced road patch work.

Commissioner Collins, in the absence of the First District Road Foreman Sean Price, stated the First District is working to complete tube replacement on Ash Point Road, north of 240<sup>th</sup> Road. The First District Road Department will determine the amount of rip rap needed to shore up banks for the Board's consideration. Road tubes used for the emergency project were designated for another location within the First District, replacement tubes will need to be purchased.

Commissioner Geiger informed the Board and Road Foremen that Whetrock, Inc. is clearing a new rock ledge, the County will have access to the dirt to be stored for road projects.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on formulating a consistent program for purchase and maintenance of generators used for county owned facilities. It was the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners the expense for the purchase of new, or replacement of current generators, would be paid from the New Sales Tax fund as a capital improvement to a county owned facility, as long as sales tax funds are being collected. Annual and routine maintenance, including repairs, will be paid from each individual departmental budget.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase up to 1,500 ton of broken up concrete from Whetrock, Inc. at a cost of \$7.00 per ton, to be used for road bank stabilization projects. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the Board of County Commissioners Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA viewed Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, in Section 5, Township 4, Range 22 E, where the roadway is sloughing off creating hazardous road conditions in proximity to the Missouri River. Representatives with Schwab-Eaton, PA suggested the County Commission hire an Engineer to determine the original layout of the road, perform a core sample and slope stability analysis to determine the extent of damage and then contract out the project for permanent repair. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to contact Schwab-Eaton, PA for a proposal to assess Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, and formulate a plan for permanent repairs.

Commissioner Geiger also discussed necessary repair work needed on 250<sup>th</sup> and Peck Roads, where the creek channel is cutting out the roadway. Road Office Manger Lindsay Norris will research notes from previous inspections by the US Army Corp of Engineers and follow up with the Board of County Commissioners.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, reminded the Board of County Commissioners of the annual lease payment for 5 Western Star rock trucks due June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$86,741.90.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to pay the final invoice to Herzog Contracting Corporation for overlayment on 165<sup>th</sup> Road in the amount of \$202,751.30 from the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Funds Exchange Program. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion and it carried.

At 9:15 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 9:35 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to hire Jeff Alfrey full-time as a laborer/operator in the First Road District at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, subject to pre-employment screening. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commission McKernan, to hire Michael Carpenter full-time as a laborer/operator in the Second Road District at a rate of \$13.50 per hour effective July 8, 2019, subject to pre-employment screening. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with road reports for their review, including Township Road Improvement fund balances.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with receipt of sales tax collections in the amount of \$37,651.11.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold discussion at their next regular meeting on a long range asphalt road plan.

Wayne Rush requested a tube on 180<sup>th</sup> Road, near the residence of 1177 180<sup>th</sup> Road, be extended to better manage the water. Commissioner Geiger will view the tube following the County Commission meeting.

Chairman Geiger renewed a 7 day Emergency Disaster Declaration on behalf of Doniphan County, Kansas, due to the spring 2019 high water event.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:57 A.M.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE 2019.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman