

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 25, 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 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, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, Mary Winder, Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, along with Murphy Tractor Representatives and Debbie Duncan, Unity for All.

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

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the November 18, 2019 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of November 27, 2019 as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve net changes to the 2019 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$308.30. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the period November 1-15, 2019 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 7 local inmates and 6 Wyandotte County inmates.

Commissioner Geiger announced the retirement of Second District road employee Royce D. (Danny) Adkins effective November 20, 2019, thanking him on behalf of the County Commissioners for his dedicated years of service to Doniphan County.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple told the County Commission the Second Road District will be shaping up Ottumwa Road in Section 22, Township 4, Range 21E where large road tubes were replaced. Commencement of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) watershed projects are planned for the current work week on Monument Road in Section 23, Township 4, Range 21E.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price informed the County Board the First Road District will be finishing up hauling stockpile rock, depending on quarry availability. The District is assisting Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris and Road Employee Dennis Snyder trimming trees away from county roadsides, hauling off larger limbs and chipping remaining debris.

Jacob White, Sales Representative and Brian Bremer, Rental Director, with Murphy Tractor called on the Board of County Commissioners to discuss buyback options for four (4) 2015 John Deere motor graders. The buyback purchase option is for 5-years, 5,000 hours at a rate of \$154,493.00 per machine. Murphy Tractor will perform an inspection on the 2015 motor graders and provide Doniphan County with equipment purchase options, with the County to notify Murphy Tractor on or before December 27, 2019 of their intent to exercise the buyback option.

Mary Winder met with the Board of County Commissioners to request the Doniphan County Courthouse be open to the public during the Kansas Sampler Foundation's Big Kansas Road Trip May 7-10, 2020. The Big Kansas Road Trip will showcase the counties of Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha educating Kansans about Kansas and exploring communities throughout the State. The County Commission made no objection to allowing the courthouse to be open during the Big Kansas Road Trip with staffing details to be determined.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson updated the County Board on the Kansas Economic Development Alliance and Chamber of Commerce Executives of Kansas joint conferences.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion with Economic Development Director Johnson on showcasing local county businesses and entrepreneurs with articles written by the Economic Development Director for the official county newspaper. Director Johnson will contact The Kansas Chief about submission of articles depicting good works and positive effects local businesses and entrepreneurs have on Doniphan County.

At 9:12 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Aging Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:22 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Debbie Duncan, Unity for All, updated the Board of County Commissioners on the domestic violence shelter organization.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with a proposal from Gary Mitchell to fabricate metal hand rails 7' long by 3' high with concrete anchors for the north and south courthouse basement step entrances at a rate of \$40.00 per hour plus material costs. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to accept the proposal of Gary Mitchell to make hand rails for the north and south courthouse basement step entrances at a rate of \$40.00 per hour plus material costs. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

County Clerk Franken also reported sales tax receipts in the amount of \$41,831.73.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris relayed to the Board of County Commissioners the inability to locate a vendor who will remove the DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) system from county trucks.

At 9:54 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal matters with counsel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:09 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:19 A.M.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman