

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

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, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were present.

The Kansas Chief Reporters Paul Stewart and Melanie Davis, Susan Studer and John M. Smith, Jr. observed the entire meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include Assistant Aging Administrator Peggy Wood. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the October 29, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve added taxes to the 2018 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$27.34. Motion carried.

Currently there are eight local and seven out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

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

In observance of Veteran's Day, the Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

John M. Smith, Jr. presented the County Commissioners and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins with individual sealed letters and informed the County Board he would make an appointment on the December 3, 2018 County Commission meeting agenda to discuss the contents.

Assistant Aging Administrator Peggy Wood requested permission to hire Ronnie Hodges as part-time driver for the Doniphan County Transportation Department. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the request of Assistant Aging Administrator Peggy Wood and hire Ronnie Hodges on a part-time basis in the Doniphan County Transportation Department. Motion carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented sales tax collections for the month of August in the amount of \$55,703.23.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price requested permission to purchase brake pads from Ellis McGuire for the #97 1995 Fiat Allis bull dozer in the First District at a cost of \$3,944.00. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to

approve the purchase of brake pads for the 1995 Fiat Allis bull dozer in the amount of \$3,944.00 with First Road District to perform labor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve hauling of eleven loads of base rock to 275th Road in the amount of \$2,138.25 from the Road and Bridge fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger informed the County Board of a meeting scheduled between Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and representatives of the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the purpose of discussing proposed growth of agricultural related businesses in Doniphan County.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster informed the County Commissioners the Register of Deeds office vault has been emitting a strong odor and she has contracted with Apex Companies, LLC., a company specializing in environmental issues, to determine the air quality of the Register of Deeds vault. Register of Deeds Shuster further stated if mold is found present, the deeds of record books will need to be moved to a freezer storage facility in order to preserve the historic documents.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve additional repair work to the #97 1995 Fiat Allis bull dozer in the amount of \$660.00. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to purchase two “Trucks Entering Highway” signs for 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission the Road Department is done hauling rock for the season, except for emergency situations.

Commissioner Geiger asked about purchasing and installing break away sign posts to be erected near narrow roadways and bridge structures to accommodate farmers and save the taxpayer from purchasing new signs each time they are hit with farm machinery. First District Road Foreman Sean Price recommended identifying areas in the County where the roadways and bridge structures are narrow and having the road crew remove the signs ahead of planting and harvest season, which would be a more cost effective approach.

Commissioner Geiger reminded the Board of County Commissioners of the meeting with the Elwood City Council the evening of November 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the closing of the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center.

John M. Smith, Jr., suggested installation of “Slow Moving Vehicle’ signs where roadways are narrow.

Susan Studer asked the County Commission to follow the advice of professionals if Register of Deeds books have to be moved due to mold in order to prevent cross contamination.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:09 A.M.

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman