

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 14, 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 Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple, Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes, Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, District Court Clerk Michelle Smith and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion on courthouse security. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the October 7, 2019 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of October 15, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 9 local inmates and 7 out of county inmates.

Commissioner Geiger introduced Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple to the Board of County Commissioners. Foreman Popple stated the road crew is working to replace tubes on Ottumwa Road and blading roadways.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes told the County Commission the road crew is working on blading roads. Foreman Gerdes brought with him bids for installation of electrical in the Third District equipment building. Opening of bids was postponed until October 21, 2019.

Commissioner Geiger informed the Board a cost estimate is being obtained from Road Builders to rebuild the hydrostat system on the roller.

Commissioner Collins stated the First Road District has a truck broke down and is also working with The Waldinger Corporation on electrical change over at the existing road shop building.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the Board of County Commissioners Gerald Neibling asked her to relay to the County Board his willingness to draw up bid specifications, at no cost to the County, for installation of electrical in the new equipment storage building at the First Road District.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris informed the Board he is working on drafting a plan for cutting brush and trees along county road rights-of-way during the noxious weed spraying off-season. Commissioner Geiger said he is securing a cost for lease purchase of bucket truck to assist with the project. Discussion was held in regard to spraying grass along and on county roads to prevent grass from growing up in the roadway. Commissioner Collins asked Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris to develop a cost analysis to treat a mile stretch 2 feet wide.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster and District Court Clerk Michelle Smith inquired about the disposal of county personal property no longer in use and considered to be in junk condition. The Board of County Commissioners viewed chairs from the jury room no longer in use by the District Court and agreed to move chairs in good repair to the County Commission meeting room and the senior citizens centers. Chairs and personal property considered in junk condition shall be disposed of.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve billing statement to Henderson Masonry for step repair on the north and south side of the courthouse in the amount of \$6,395.98 from the New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:00 A.M. the Board of County Commissioner recessed to view necessary repair work to the courthouse building and courtyard wall with Brandy Henderson, Henderson Masonry, with the meeting called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:23 A.M.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve courthouse building tuck pointing, and repair and partial replacement of courtyard wall south of the courthouse annex building driveway by Henderson Masonry at a rate of \$55.00 per hour per laborer with the cost to be assessed to the New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the Board of County Commissioners buyback option on four 2015 John Deere motor graders would expire on March 5, 2020 with each machine having a 5 year or 5,000 hour threshold and an allowance of up to \$154,000.00. Murphy Tractor recommended the Board of County Commissioners take action on the buyback option at least 60-days prior to the March 5, 2020 deadline.

Manager Norris also stated four 2017 John Deere motor graders are being leased from Murphy Tractor and are not subject to buyback option terms. However the County has the option to purchase outright at the expiration of the 5-year lease purchase term being May 10, 2022.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to authorize Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to bid for the purchase of 400 metal H beam guard rail posts from Purplewave Auction at a cost between \$10 and \$15 per post. And for the purchase of fifty 25' guard rail at a cost between \$100.00 and \$125.00 per piece, also from Purplewave Auction. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repairs in the amount of \$4,485.60 to the computer box of the #81 loader in the First Road District by Berry Tractor. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair work to the #8 Kenworth in the First Road District by Mayday Trucking Service in the amount of \$672.06. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger told the Board of County Commissioners recent figures released by the Kansas Department of Agriculture show agriculture having a direct effect on Doniphan County in an amount of \$124,790,000 and an indirect impact in the amount of \$145,000,000.

Commissioner Geiger asked the County Commission to consider options for courthouse security and performing annual emergency drills. County Attorney Charles Baskins expressed as crime from neighboring areas bleeds over into Doniphan County there is a greater risk to its employees and citizens. The Board of County Commissioners asked County Clerk Peggy Franken to contact Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng to be placed on the October 21, 2019 County Commission meeting agenda to discuss further.

At 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the individual interest of non-elect personnel in the Aging Department with the meeting to reconvene in the office of the County Commission at 10:26 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:27 A.M.

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman

