

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Mary Winder observed a portion of the meeting. Others present included Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, Emergency Management Director Julie Meng, Foley Equipment Representative Kevin Bell, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Brandy Henderson with Henderson Masonry.

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

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of September 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 9 local inmates and 8 out of county inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to put insulation of the maintenance room ceiling and Register of Deeds flooring project on hold pending amendments to the scope of the project by Lee Grover Construction based on recommendation of insulation type to be used by State Fire Marshall.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of correspondence from the Kansas Department of Revenue regarding substantial compliance by the Doniphan County Appraiser's Office for 2018 Real Estate Appraisals/Sales Ratio Study pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1489.

On behalf of Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the Commission of Director Norris' participation in the Invasive Species Workshop to be held at the Troy City Park on September 17, 2019 beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson discussed with the Board of County Commissioners Kansas Sampler Foundations 2020 Big Kansas Road Trip during the days of May 7-10, 2020, showcasing the counties of Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha. Director Johnson stated several community meetings would be held involving community leaders and members of public, with the first meeting to be held October 16, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at

the Library District No. 1 Troy Branch, followed by a meeting at 7:15 P.M. the same date at the Wathena Community Center building. Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Community Foundation Events funds will share the cost of the event. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of rack cards supporting the event in the amount of \$251.68. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Johnson also reminded the Board of County Commissioners of the US Highway 36 Treasurer Hunt taking place the weekend of September 20-22, 2019.

Commissioner Geiger asked Economic Development Director to reach out to the Kansas Rural Prosperity Tour group in order to take advantage of all resources available for expansion of rural broadband services.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to make application to the State of Kansas Division of Emergency Management for Emergency Management Protection operating grant funds in the amount of \$15,384.00. Motion carried. Chairman Geiger executed said application on behalf of Doniphan County.

Kevin Bell, Foley Equipment Representative, invited the District Road Foremen to attend an all-expense paid trip to their Peoria, Illinois, facility for a government equipment safety demonstration. County Attorney Charles Baskins advised the Board of Doniphan County's gifts and gratuity policy which would prohibit County employees attending unless the Board of County Commissioners agreed to pay all costs incurred. Commissioner Geiger asked Mr. Bell to bring several sizes of motor graders over to the road shops for demonstration purposes.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with a road agreement between Brown and Doniphan Counties dated October 16, 1985 regarding responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of roads, bridges, and structures located on county line roads. Manager Norris is working to obtain a copy of the same from Atchison County, Kansas.

Commissioner Collins told the County Board he is seeking cost estimates to shore up a tube on Willow Road in Section 19, Township 3, Range 19E, north of 180th Road, with a concrete slurry rather than replace with an 80' x 8' tube as previously discussed.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the Board of County Commissioners financial assistance will be available from the Kansas Department of Transportation for emergency repairs needed to a bridge structure at the intersection of Peck and 240th Roads and for replacement of tubes on Ash Point Road, following heavy rainfall events which caused in excess of \$5,000.00 in damages.

Norris stated she is working with David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA to identify bridge structures which meet the criteria for replacement funds through the Kansas Department of Transportation Short Span Bridge Replacement program.

Application has been made and approved for replacement of bridge T-831-1 located on 195th Road, east of Troy, Kansas, on the 2021 Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Replacement grants program. The 3 ton load limit structure has a sufficiency rating of 32 according to Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed allocation of County rock funds to be used on township roads. No action was taken pending a list from each Road District on the amount of rock needed and report from the Road Office on the amount of rock funds spent year to date.

Development of a 5-year road and bridge infrastructure improvement plan including hard surfaced roads by use of asphalt and bridge repair/replacement was discussed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners were in agreement to have County Attorney Charles Baskins draft a resolution laying out criteria for 1) Project scope consisting of A) Hard surfaced roads by use of asphalt; B) Bridge repair/replacement; and C) Bank stabilization. 2) Allocation of funds from Road and Bridge budgeted funds in the amount \$150,000.00 per Commission District per year up to 5-years subject to project approval by majority vote of Board of County Commissioners at a public meeting conducted and held by the Board of County Commissioners. And, 3) Funds needed in addition to the \$150,000.00 allocation per Commission District per year to complete projects shall be approved by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners at a public meeting conducted and held by the Board of County Commissioners based on scope of the project. Action tabled pending review of draft resolution.

The Board of County Commissioners will also work with Road Foremen to develop best management practices for road maintenance and upkeep. Such practices shall include but not limited to drainage ditches, building up roadways, proper blading, cutting brush and trees along road rights-of-way, mowing road rights-of-way, removal of edges along hard surfaced roads and prevention of farming along edges of county roads.

Commissioner Collins asked before county roads are hard surfaced a traffic count be performed to determine traffic patterns.

Brandy Henderson, Henderson Masonry, met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss replacement of a section of sidewalk on the north side of the courthouse. Mr. Henderson showed the Board of County Commissioners of picture of the sidewalk which is undercut and held up only by the lower north steps leading to Walnut Street, discovered when the north steps were removed for replacement along with courtyard wall repair. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to allocate up to \$2,000.00 from the New Sales Tax fund to replace a section of sidewalk on the north side of the courthouse adjacent to the north steps leading up from Walnut Street,

with Henderson Masonry to perform the work and Doniphan County to provide gravel and hauling off of old material. Motion carried.

At 10:48 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Road Department with the meeting to reconvene in the office of the County Commission at 10:58 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 11:01 A.M.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman