

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 included Pete Duncan, Larry Faulkner, Wathena City Mayor John A. Cluck, Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, Sheriff Chad Clary, First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

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 16, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Fee report for the period of September 1-15, 2019 was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

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

Pete Duncan, Doniphan County Historical Society Member and Larry Faulkner informed the Board of County Commissioners of the Kansas Historical Foundation tour to be held in Doniphan County on Friday, September 27, 2019, with approximately 60 participants touring the Tenant Baker house, Doniphan County Historical Society museum and the Doniphan County Courthouse. Mr. Duncan asked if the courthouse and offices would be open and available for tours. The County Commission saw no issue with touring the facilities during normal business hours.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Grace Christenson to fill a vacant part-time transportation driver position subject to pre-employment testing, upon the recommendation of Aging Administrator Peggy Wood. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve bid from The Waldinger Corporation in the amount of \$10,813.00 for the following services:

1. Furnish and install a PVC pipe in a customer furnished ditch from the new KCP&L pole to the northwest corner of the existing First District Road Shop building.

2. Furnish and install a pull string in new conduit.
3. Furnish and install a new 200-amp, 120/240-volt single phase panel and wiring on exterior of the northwest corner of the existing First District Road Shop building.
4. Furnish and install conduit and wire from the new panel to the existing service head feeding the current First District Road Shop building.
5. Furnish and install conduit and wire from the new panel in a customer supplied ditch to the southwest corner of the new equipment storage building.
6. Furnish and install a 100-amp, 120/240-volt single phase panel in the new equipment storage building.

Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners directed First District Road Foreman Sean Price and Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes to seek three bids for interior electrical installation at each of the Districts equipment storage buildings.

John Dallaire, Foundation Recovery Systems, reviewed with the Board of County Commissioners a procedure for installation of encasement along the interior basement walls of the Courthouse annex building in order to vapor and waterproof the building. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending submission of project cost estimate.

Sheriff Chad Clary requested the County Boards' consideration in increasing the starting wage scale for Sheriff's deputies in order to be more competitive with area agencies and hire qualified personnel who would not need to attend the 14 week law enforcement training center. The Board took no action pending a submission of a proposal by Sheriff Clary based on area agencies wage scales.

Wathena City Mayor John A. Cluck and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss Doniphan County being a participating member in the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce at an annual cost of \$2,000.00. Mayor Cluck offered, on behalf of the City of Wathena, to cost share with Doniphan County the annual membership fee. The Board of County Commissioners asked Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson to work with the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce on the logistics of being a participating member prior to the Board taking any action.

Mayor John A. Cluck asked the County Commission to make contact with Deffenbaugh Disposal Inc. to request litter cleanup along US Highway 36 corridor between the Pony Express Bridge and Wathena City limits.

Deb Duncan, Unity for All, appeared before the Board of Commissioners, to request funding for the defunct DoVES program, which is now operating under the organization Unity for All. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending submission of additional information on the program.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price informed the County Commission Dave's Diesel is analyzing the DEF system on the #4 2012 Freightliner for necessary repair work.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the Board of County Commissioners application has been made to the Kansas Department of Transportation Short Span Bridge Replacement Project program for structure RS 160 located on 180th Road, east of Severance, Kansas.

Norris also informed the Commission the Kansas Department of Transportation will be depositing Federal Exchange Funds into Doniphan County's account during the month of September 2019 in the amount of \$77,032.84.

August 2019 Township Road Improvement Fund balances were presented to the Board for their review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to allocate \$25,000.00 to the First Road District, \$25,000.00 Second Road District and \$10,000.00 Third Road District, as set forth for the purchase of rock out of the Road and Bridge general fund. To be applied to roads identified by each Road Foreman as needing additional road improvements, with roads to be bladed and shaped prior to placement of rock. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve the purchase of a 90' x 6' tube for Moonlight Road in Section 9, Township 4, Range 21E at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase tubes to replenish the Road and Bridge Department road tube inventory, to be stored at the First District Road Shop, in the amount of \$26,458.10. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion at 10:32 A.M. to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the individual interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department with the meeting to reconvene in the office of the County Commission at 10:42 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with sales and use tax collection reports by county and city distribution for the years 2018 and 2019 for their review.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay unused comp time in the Road Department up to pay period ending September 20, 2019. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to allow County Clerk Peggy Franken to seek bids for removal of oak tree on the northwest side of the courtyard and a maple tree on the south side of the east driveway, along with tree stumps and accept the low bid. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase an 8' straight snow blade in the amount of \$5,950.00 from Jackson Lawn Equipment, to be used on the 2013 Chevrolet 2500HD First District Road Foreman's pickup for snow removal on county roadways. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:06 A.M.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman