

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 22, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 8:55 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 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 meeting. Matthew McKittrick, Tanner Veach, Deputy Treasurer Nicole Diveley, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng and Gerald Neibling were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the June 15, 2020 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 9 local inmates.

County Clerk Peggy Franken reminded the Board of County Commissioners of the county-wide tire collection to be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 between the hours of 7:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. at the Second District road shop building located at 302 W. Robertson St. Troy, Kansas. The program is a joint effort between Doniphan County, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services and Tire Cutters to collect and dispose of old unused tires. Doniphan County Commissioners previously agreed to accept the first 10 passenger or pickup tires from residents for free, fees will be charged for tires in excess of 10 passenger or pickup tires, tires on rims and larger tires.

Deputy Treasurer Nicole Diveley informed the Board of County Commissioners she has reconciled the County's bank statements with the County Treasurer's bank book from the dates of December 2017 to present. The Deputy Treasurer said the following errors were discovered and corrected: duplicated deposits \$10,643.19, outstanding deposits not recorded \$33,066.98 and interest on super now accounts recorded as \$2,584.08 instead of \$3,978.96. The Board of County Commissioners congratulated and expressed their appreciation towards Deputy Treasurer Nicole Diveley on balancing the County's bank accounts.

Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1 EMS Director Matthew McKittrick and Assistant EMS Director Tanner Veach met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss a \$75,000.00 increase in county appropriations for budget year 2021 to help offset the increase cost of medical supplies, general liability insurance, employee benefits, insurance write-off amounts for user fees, and to hire an additional full-time EMT/paramedic certified staff member due to the loss of volunteer EMT's and paramedics. Director McKittrick said the Ambulance District has not had an increase in funding since 2015. The Board of County Commissioners took the request under consideration.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into an agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and Heartland Works, Inc. appointing Register of Deeds Susan Shuster as Doniphan County's representative to serve on the Chief Elected Officials Board of the Kansas Workforce Development Local Area Board. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Register of Deeds Susan Shuster has served on the Heartland Works Board, a program for displaced and summer workforce development, since May 1996.

At 9:32 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal data related to financial affairs with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:47 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Emergency Management Director remained.

Emergency Management Director Julie Meng presented the Board of County Commissioners with a quote for the purchase of 48kw generator. No action was taken pending obtaining cost estimates for a larger capacity generator for the courthouse and Law Enforcement Center 911 dispatch and radio system.

At 9:52 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:57 A.M.

Gerald Neibling met with the Board of County Commissioners to request property quit claim deed for altering a portion of the road right-of-way along 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, in Section 21, Township 2, Range 19E, pursuant to action taken by the Board of County Commissioners on March 18, 2013 and recorded in Commissioners Journal 23 page 90. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins stated he would complete deed work within the week.

Gerald Neibling also asked Commissioner Collins to pull in road banks, reshape and rock 255th Road from Blackjack to Buffalo Road this fall once the crops have been harvested. Commissioner Collins said he would talk to Road Foreman Sean Price to have the project placed on the fall work schedule agenda.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with Road Improvement and Road and Bridge fund balances through May 31, 2020 for their review.

Third District Road Foreman and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Board the Road Crew experimented with ½" asphalt millings from Herzog Contracting Corp. during chip seal on Third District roadways. The millings were too fine and would not go through the spreader adequately. Representatives of Herzog have been in contact with the County Road Department to offer assistance in the future with settings on the spreader to see if the milling process could work for Doniphan County.

Commissioner Geiger asked County Attorney Charles Baskins about ingress/egress laws allowing landowners access to property. County Attorney Baskins will research and give the Board a legal opinion.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to place an advertisement for employment to fill vacant positions within the Road Department. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to have the front end aligned on the 2012 Freightliner in the First Road District by Bolin Auto. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held in regard to Rural Water District No. 5 request to have road banks pushed in to build up Oxide Road in the southeast corner of Section 22 and along the east line of the northeast quarter of Section 27, Township 3 Range 20E, in order for relocation of water line. County Clerk Peggy Franken was asked to request Roger Engemann's attendance at a future commission meeting to discuss in further detail.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2020.

Attest: _____

Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman