

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 30, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session via Zoom at 8:30 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. Third District County Commissioner Jerry McKernan, County Attorney Charles D. Baskins and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins was absent.

Observers included County Attorney Secretary Celeste Etherton, The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris appeared in person before the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Geiger seconded.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the March 23, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner Geiger seconded.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of March 31, 2020 as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 1 Wyandotte County and 6 local inmates.

Chairman Geiger extended well wishes on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to Commissioner Collins who was involved in an accident and unable to attend the meeting.

Bid letting was held for 1998 Ford dump truck #41 currently housed at First District and no longer in use by the Road Department. One bid was received and read aloud from Higginbotham Sales in the amount of \$2,550.00. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to accept the bid of Higginbotham Sales for purchase of 1998 Ford dump truck no longer in use by the Doniphan County Road Department. Commissioner McKernan seconded.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to adopt an expanded leave policy in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). Said policy complies with the Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) with the exception Doniphan County will compensate the employee(s) their regular rate of pay for COVID-19 related leave in place of the Department of Labor's required two-thirds pay. Commissioner McKernan seconded.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 worth of rock to be hauled on St. Columbus Road in Washington Township. Commissioner Geiger seconded.

Chairman Geiger executed purchase agreements, warranty agreements and delivery acceptance agreements between Doniphan County, Kansas and Murphy Tractor for four 2020 John Deere motor graders received by the First and Second Road Districts.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with road expenses and Road Improvement Fund balances through February 2020 for their review.

Commissioner Geiger, on behalf of Second Road District, said the District will select 3-5 main roads this year and build up the roadways, create proper drainage and rock. Roads selected will adjoin major collectors, with the number of roads to be expanded on in the future. Commissioner McKernan commended the idea saying all Road Districts should follow suit.

Chairman Geiger informed the public Kansas Governor Laura Kelly issued Executive Order 20-16, a temporary statewide Stay at Home order in an ongoing effort to combat the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The Governor's Executive Order will be in effect from 12:01 A.M. Monday, March 30, 2020 through Sunday, April 19, 2020. Under Executive Order 20-16, Kansans are directed to stay home unless performing one of the following essential activities: Obtaining food, medicine and other household necessities. Going to and from work at a business or organization performing an essential function as identified in the Kansas Essential Function Framework. Seeking medical care. Caring for children, family members or pets, or caring for a vulnerable person in another location. Engaging in an outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size. Governor Kelly's Executive Order supersedes and stays Doniphan County's Emergency Order until such time as the Governor's Order has been lifted. Questions or concerns about essential activities, business and services should be directed to the Governor's Office 877-579-6757 or email [keff@ks.gov](mailto:keff@ks.gov).

County Clerk Peggy Franken, on behalf of Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, informed the County Commission the Big Kansas Road Trip has been rescheduled for the dates of September 10-13, 2020.

Correspondence was reviewed from Northeast Kansas Environmental Services regarding residential property without approved wastewater system located on 195<sup>th</sup> Road east of Troy, Kansas.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve annual renewal of firewall software on the courthouse server in the amount of \$1,200.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to cancel their regular meeting for the week of April 6, 2020. The Board of County Commissioners will next be in session on April 13, 2020.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 8:54 A.M.

DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman