

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 18, 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. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Jerry McKernan, County Attorney Charles D. Baskins and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart, Troy City Mayor Sarah Boeh-Cerra, and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson observed the entire meeting via Zoom. Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce and Kelli Rodgers observed a portion of the meeting. County Attorney Secretary Celeste Etherton, First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng were present in person.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion with Economic Development Director on COVID-19 incentives for small businesses. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 1 Wyandotte County and 10 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in the office of the County Commission beginning at 8:30 A.M.

The Board of County Commissioners observed a moment of silence out of respect for former longtime Health Department employee Judy K. Prawl who died on May 12, 2020 and former Second District County Commissioner Everett Euler, Jr who died on May 13, 2020.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price was present to review with the Board of County Commissioners a list of repairs needed to the 2005 Mack dump truck at the First Road District. Foreman Price presented an invoice in the amount of \$8,094.03 for necessary repairs to the electrical, gear box replacement and several leaks. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repairs to the 2005 Mack dump truck by Westfall in the amount of \$8,094.03 and ask the Road Department to perform an assessment on all trucks to determine replacement options. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board with Road Improvement Fund balances and Road Department expenses through April 2020 for their review.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported to the Board of County Commissioners Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA requested geo-tech core sampling and survey be completed on Peck Road in Section 23 Township 2 Range 21E to determine road and stream placement prior to Engineers making recommendation for repair. Lindsay Norris will obtain cost estimates for core sampling and survey work for the Board's consideration.

A letter was received by the Board of County Commissioners from Charlie and Pat Meers concerning the condition of 190<sup>th</sup> Road in Blair, Kansas. Commissioner Geiger said the Second

District Road Crew, with assistance from the Third Road District, will begin patchwork on 190<sup>th</sup> Road this week. The Board extended their thoughts and prayers to Charlie for recent health issues.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce and Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng updated the Board of County Commissioners on the COVID-19 Pandemic and presented the Board with Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's Phase 1.5 of Executive Order 20-32 to re-open the State of Kansas, saying Doniphan County Health Officer Dr. Bradley J. Gaul, MD is agreeable with not imposing any additional restrictions other than what is laid out in the Governor's plan. Therefore beginning today, May 18, 2020, restaurants, childcare facilities, libraries, commencement ceremonies, personal service businesses, fitness centers and health clubs are allowed to open following social distancing and hygiene guidelines with no mass gatherings of more than 10 individuals.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to endorse and adhere to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's Phase 1.5 of Executive Order 20-32, with County governmental offices opening to the public in phases as laid out by Executive Order of the Kansas Governor beginning at noon on Monday, May 18, 2020. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Management Director Julie Meng laid out the re-open plan for governmental offices for the Board of County Commissioners. Under Phase 1.5 of the Governor's Executive Order 20-32 no more than 10 customers will be allowed in the courthouse at one time, with screening to take place upon entry. Customers are encouraged to wear masks but not required, a log will be kept of when customers entered and left the building and offices visited. All customers will enter and exit through the north courthouse doors. Customers needing assistance are encouraged to contact the Doniphan County Clerk's Office at 785-985-3513 for curbside service or access to the accessible lift and elevator. Customers are encouraged to continue to transact business via the US Postal service, email communications or by telephone.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to adopt County Resolution 2020-05, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Resolution. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Said Resolution was recorded and is on file in the Office of the Doniphan County Clerk in Resolution Book 3 Page 231.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce informed the County Commission she will be seeking bids for a storage shed to be placed behind the Health Department building to store personal protective equipment with the expense to be paid with COVID-19 grant funds obtained by the Doniphan County Health Department.

The Doniphan County Health Department will begin COVID-19 public testing the week of June 1, 2020, testing results will be available within 24-hours with the assistance of the Kansas Department of Emergency Management acting as a carrier service.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion with Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson asking her to reach out to businesses deemed non-essential and forced to close during the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) informing them of programs and funding sources available to assist with expenses and loss of revenues.

At 9:16 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:26 A.M. in the District Court Courtroom. Commissioner

Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk, and Road Office Manager remained.

The Board of County Commissioners will conduct interviews to fill vacant positions within the Road Department on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 beginning at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:27 A.M.

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY 2020.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman