

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 7, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, 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 Baskins and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis, Second District Commissioner-elect Wayne Grable, Third District Commissioner-elect Bobby Hall and First District Road Foreman Sean Price observed the entire meeting. Fire District No.3 Chairman Robert (Bob) Hoffman, Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Public Health Emergency Coordinator Kay Smith, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Bob Williamson were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion on CARES Act grants with Economic Development Director Johnson. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the November 30, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve change orders to the 2020 Doniphan County tax roll for abated taxes totaling \$3.02. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve warrant for the period of November 30, 2020 as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of November 2020 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 3 local inmates.

In observance of Pearl Harbor Day, the Board of County Commissioners observed a moment of silence in remembrance of all service men and women who have or are currently serving.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve 2021 cereal malt beverage license for Weiland's Grocery, Bendena, Kansas. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement not to renew membership in Kansas League of Municipalities for the 2021 year.

Robert (Bob) Hoffman, Fire District No. 3 Board Member for over 25 years, serving as Chairman of the Board the last 20 years, met with the County Commission to announce his retirement from the Doniphan County Fire District No. 3 Board both as Chairman and a Member. Mr. Hoffman stated the Doniphan County Fire District No. 3 Board met and recommends the Board of County Commissioners appoint Kevin Thompson to serve on the Board, acting as Chairman, along with Rick Hoffman, who will fill the position of retiring Board Member Steve Davis, who also serves as Fire Chief. Tyson Rush will be acting Fire Chief, with the retirement of Mr. Davis effective

January 1, 2021. The Board of County Commissioners thanked Robert (Bob) Hoffman for his dedication and 25 years of service to Doniphan County Fire District No. 3, accepting with regret his and Steve Davis' resignation due to retirement. Commissioner Collins made a motion to appoint Kevin Thompson to the Doniphan County Fire District No. 3 Board serving as Chairman, Rick Hoffman as Doniphan County Fire District No. 3 Board Member and Tyson Rush to serve as Doniphan County Fire District No. 3 Fire Chief. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Geiger stated the Second Road District has completed a tube replacement project on Moonlight Road, are currently working to install guardrail along Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas and working on two tube replacement projects, one on Oxide Road the other on 133rd Road.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price said the belly dump trailer in the First Road District can be used to apply 1" crusher run rock to road shoulders, with the north side of 240th Road having been completed. A concrete drop box has been installed on Willow Road in Section 18 Township 4 Range 19E. Tile risers installed on Willow Road in Section 31 Township 2 Range 19E are working well keeping water off the roadway. Finally, the First Road District is working to complete tube projects on Elgin Road, south of 150th Road.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Board Husker Steel will begin bridge replacement on structure T133-1 located on 190th Road in Section 19 Township 3 Range 20E northeast of Severance, Kansas, in January 2021.

Jaime Hackmann, Aggregate Sales Representative with Hamm's Quarry, informed Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris a reimbursement check for rock stockpiles with Hamm's Quarry will be issued, as there is no product in stock to fulfill the order.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris has given Road Foremen in the First and Second Districts a list of bridges that need immediate attention.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve repair to the 2006 International rock truck in the amount of \$687.62 by Redneck Diesel. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

District Court Clerk Michelle Smith presented the Board of County Commissioners an itemized list of expenditures over and above District Court 2020 budget authority. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve expenses in the amount of \$13,318.88 to be paid from County General. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce informed the County Commission Doniphan County currently has 26 active COVID-19 cases, down from 71 on November 29, 2020. She requested the Board of County Commissioners extend the current mask mandate pursuant to Doniphan County Resolution 2020-11 until January 4, 2020. Following discussion Commissioner Collins made a motion to extend the current mask mandate pursuant to Doniphan County Resolution 2020-11 for a period of two weeks, with review on December 21, 2020. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Pierce presented the Board of County Commissioners with CDC and Kansas Department of Health and Environment updated COVID-19 quarantine period clarifications which sets quarantine days at 7 for testing with no symptoms and 10 days for no testing and with no symptoms. In addition, Administrator Pierce presented the

Board with updated contact tracing and exclusion of contacts in a low risk school setting guidelines. County Attorney Charles Baskins stated new guidelines presented by Administrator Pierce are internal orders issued by the Doniphan County Health Department and not the Doniphan County Board of Health. Chairman Geiger asked administrator Pierce if the Health Department was being consistent with quarantine rules and orders. Pierce indicated each case has a special circumstance and people with questions or concerns should contact the Doniphan County Health Department.

Administrator Pierce requested payment of unused 2020 vacation time for herself and Registered Nurse Ruth Forney. The Board took no action pending review of written request.

At 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Aging Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:29 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Gary Satter, Executive Director of Glacial Hills RC&D Council, met with the Board of County Commissioners to give an annual update on local and regional rural development projects and programs in Northeast Kansas.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay annual support to Glacial Hills RC&D Council in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:46 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break until 9:51 A.M.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson presented the Board with selected SPARK (Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas) grant applications for non-profit and for-profit businesses within Doniphan County, pursuant to CARES (the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act requirements in response to COVID-19. A selection review committee was formed to review each application, funds were approved based on working capital, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and technology for telework and communications. Doniphan County allotted \$200,000.00 for business grants out of their \$1,525,000 State funded SPARK allocation. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve grant applications and make payment with SPARK funds in the amount of \$149,123.53. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners executed a letter of support on behalf of Doniphan County Transportation for Kansas Department of Transportation SFY21/22 5311/20 grant application.

At 10:05 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Aging Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 10:15 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Aging Administrator remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman