

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 13, 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 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. Riverside USD 114 Superintendent Travis Githens, Hamm Representatives Jaime Hackmann, Ramone Gonzalez and Gary Hamm, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng and G.E. Pierce were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the June 29, 2020 regular and July 1, 2020 special meetings as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of July 15, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of June 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 6 local inmates.

Riverside USD 114 Superintendent Travis Githens introduced himself to the Board of County Commissioners.

Correspondence was presented to the County Commission from the Doniphan County K-State Research and Extension Office inviting the Board of County Commissioners to the Doniphan County 4-H Fair beginning Saturday July 25, 2020 and Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>-Friday July 31, 2020.

A thank you letter from the City of Elwood was received by the Board, thanking them for the County's assistance clearing debris from a storm system that moved through the area on June 3, 2020.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with a list of household hazardous waste collected on June 29, 2020, departmental budget and cash summary for June 2020 and sales tax collections in the amount of \$49,215.81.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to pay an invoice to Clayton Paper Distribution in the amount of \$52,130.27 for face masks and disinfectant wipes, which will be reimbursed through the State of Kansas Coronavirus Relief Fund. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Thad Geiger asked for the Board of County Commissioners consideration on hiring a consultant to assist Doniphan County with the Kansas Governor's Office of Recovery Coronavirus Relief Funds to ensure funds are spent within the scope of the law. County Clerk Peggy Franken, acting as the County's point of contact, informed the County Commission a committee of thirteen individuals representing county schools, cities, EMS, public health, economic development, legal counsel and emergency management are meeting on July 16, 2020 to discuss the requirements of the State Finance Council's Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Coronavirus Relief Funds. She asked the Board to table action on hiring of a consultant until after the committee meets to determine the responsibility and requirements placed on the County.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson informed the County Commission the Kansas Sampler Foundation Big Kansas Road Trip, featuring the counties of Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha, will be postponed until May 6-9, 2021.

Economic Development Director Johnson also told the County Board a committee representing all areas of Doniphan County met to review and recommend for award Doniphan County Small Business COVID-19 Grant funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. The following businesses were recommended for approval by the Board of County Commissioners: Ruhnke Enterprises, LLS, doing business as Highland Stop & Shop; Able Learning Center, LLC; Rookie's Sports Bar & Grill, LLC; The New Versailles, LLC, doing business as Marie Antoinette's Gluten Free Bake Shop; Petals, Stems & More; The Perfect Touch Salon; Franken Eye Clinic (Troy Office); J&G Auto Repair, Inc.; Eagle Electric Services, LLC; and Glacial Hills Venues, LLC. Each award recipient will be required to enter into a receipt and acknowledgement agreement with Doniphan County agreeing to use funds for purposes as stated in their application or repaid to Doniphan County. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the recommendation of the review committee and award Doniphan County Small Business COVID-19 Grant funds to small businesses who met application requirements in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:13 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break until 9:18 A.M. with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of items for the Doniphan County Health Department through the Injury Prevention Grant fund in the amount of \$3,963.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to increase Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1 tax appropriations to \$134,000.00 for budget year 2021. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2020-10, a Resolution extending until rescinded the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Commissioner McKernan 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 251.

Ramone Gonzalez, Jaime Hackmann and Gary Hamm, of Hamm Quarries, met with the Board of County Commissioners to gauge the feasibility of opening of rock quarry in Doniphan County, near Severance, before Hamm Quarries invests in the area. Mr. Hamm explained Hamm Quarries has located an area capable of producing up to 9 million ton of rock, however the overburden has a ratio of 4-1, which would increase the price of rock per ton. Mr. Gonzalez asked the County Commission to give consideration to paying a higher rate for rock versus hauling rock from out of the county. The Board of County Commissioners stated the County and surrounding counties are always in need of rock. The County has had a good working relationship with Hamm Quarries and would like to see it continue.

G.E. Pierce met with the Board of County Commissioners to request permission to open, at his expense, a portion of 130<sup>th</sup> Road, west of Larkinburg Road to gain access to his property in Section 13, Township 4, Range 20E. Mr. Pierce stated he would pay all costs associated with survey of the land to determine existing road, removal of timber and building up of roadway. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review of road records and former action taken by previous Boards of County Commission.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Terracon has completed geo-tech boring on Peck Road near the intersection of 245<sup>th</sup> Road in Section 23, Township 2 Range 21E, she is awaiting a written report. Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA have requested the County perform routine visual checks of the roadway to ensure cracks are not developing further.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve an invoice to Schwab-Eaton, PA for engineering services on Peck and 245<sup>th</sup> Roads for bank stabilization in the amount of \$682.50. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Norris also informed the County Board the City of Highland has agreed to a 50%-50% cost share to have a survey performed by Schwab-Eaton, PA to determine property lines of Coronado Road and N. Kansas Street, north of Highland, Kansas, along the city/county boundary in Sections 22 and 23, Township 2 Range 19E. The total cost of the survey is \$1,100.00. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Schwab-Eaton, PA performing a survey on Coronado Road and N. Kansas Street in the City of Highland to determine property lines for repair of box culvert, with the City of Highland and Doniphan County each responsible for one half the cost. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, told the County Commission chip seal projects are on hold awaiting repair of the oil distributor by Van Keppel.

Discussion was held in regard to County policy on leave time for employees of the Road Department during chip seal season. It was the consensus of the Board of County Commissioners to restate policy annually in the County Commission minutes that "No leave time shall be taken by employees of the Road and Bridge Department during chip seal season."

Engemann Drainage Company submitted a proposal to push in road banks and 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 the amount of \$49,650.00. Rural Water District #5 intends to move the water line from the county road right-of-way onto private property via easement with adjoining landowners and would therefore pay \$10,000.00 of the cost. The Board of County Commissioners agreed the Doniphan County Road Department would perform the work of pushing in road banks and building up Oxide Road after obtaining easements from adjoining landowners and fall harvest.

Commissioner McKernan inquired about County owned bull dozers, asking if it would be feasible to sell both existing dozers and purchase a good used D7 dozer. Commissioner Collins said at least two dozers are needed in the County to perform road projects. Commissioner Geiger asked for the Board's consideration in restructuring the Road Department and hiring of a Public Works Director. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:04 A.M.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman