

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 30, 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. Third District County Commissioner Jerry McKernan, County Attorney Charles Baskins and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins appeared via telephone.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis, Third District Commissioner-elect Bobby Hall and First District Road Foreman Sean Price observed the entire meeting. Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris 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 November 23, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner Collins 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 \$230.18. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 4 local inmates.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster updated the Board of County Commissioners on the annual employee Christmas dinner sponsored personally by the County Commission members at a cost of \$453.34 each. The Feed Store, Kirkwood & Co and Rookies will provide the meal to county employees on December 8, 2020 at the courthouse, law enforcement center and road shop in Highland, Kansas.

Susan Shuster, Register of Deeds, who also serves as 911 Coordinator, presented the Board of County Commissioners with a communications proposal from Midwest Mobile Radio for installation of SureCall Force 5.2.0 booster, to be integrated with the existing antenna system and new outside Omni antenna at the law enforcement center in the amount of \$4,798.31 to boost cellular signal for Next Generation 911 router. Ms. Shuster explained the cost will be reduced from the first billing cycle, therefore there will be no out of pocket expense to the County. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the proposal of Midwest Mobile Radio for installation of SureCall Force 5.2.0 booster, to be integrated with the existing antenna system and new outside Omni antenna in the amount of \$4,798.31 to boost cellular signal at the law enforcement center in conjunction with Next Generation 911. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood presented the Board of County Commissioners with a proposal to make repairs at the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center site, located in the Lincoln School, currently owned by Riverside USD 114. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review of lease agreement terms with Riverside USD 114.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris inquired about the purchase of salt for the upcoming winter season to be used on hard surfaced roadways. The Board of County Commissioners were not in favor of purchasing salt for hard surfaced roadways but asked Manager Norris to check into the ability to purchase in an emergency situation.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement with Terracon for geotechnical study on bridge structure RS160 located on 180th Road north of Severance, Kansas, over the Deer Creek tributary in the amount of \$3,600.00. The geotechnical study is required for replacement of the structure under the Kansas Department of Transportation Short Span Local Bridge Improvement program. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Collins requested the Road Department contact Husker Steel to determine an exact date for bridge repair and replacements to commence in Doniphan County, Kansas.

Commissioner Geiger asked the Road Department to follow up with Hamm Quarries on refunding rock stockpile fund balances to Doniphan County, Kansas.

District Court Clerk Michelle Smith met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss concerns with the District Court's 2020 budget status. Clerk Smith stated a local Attorney submitted payment for court appointed attorney's fees dating from 2015 to present in the amount of \$24,656.00, which were not allotted in the District Court's current budget. The Board of County Commissioners tabled action on amendment of the District Court 2020 budget pending review of projected expenses through December 31, 2020.

At 9:02 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:12 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Noxious Weed Director remained.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to terminate the Regional Conservation Partnership Program agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and the United States Department of Agriculture, administered through the Doniphan County Natural Resources Conservation Services District office, effective December 31, 2020; with all currently approved projects to be funded. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:13 A.M.

DATED THIS 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman