

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 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 absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Aging Administrator Peggy Wood, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, First District Road Foreman Sean Price and Emergency Management Director Julie Meng were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include non-elect personnel executive session, discussion on mask mandate and purchase of shot rock. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 8 local inmates.

At 8:37 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 in the Aging Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 8:47 A.M. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Clerk remained.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood informed the Board of County Commissioners the Doniphan County Kitchen is closed for a period of 14 days due to COVID-19. Chairman Geiger voiced concern with the Aging Department and Kitchen not having a backup plan in place to continue the meals program. Administrator Wood said she is formulating a plan with local school districts to continue the meals on wheels program. Out of concern for COVID-19, she recommended closure of Doniphan County Senior Citizens Centers. No action was taken.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with Road Department expense reports and Road Improvement Fund balances as of September 30, 2020.

Commissioner Geiger told the Board of County Commissioners Whetrock has offered for sale to the County 6" to 12" shot rock at a cost of \$12.00 per ton. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending determination of the amount of tonnage needed.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price is obtaining cost options to acquire a machine to assist with rocking shoulders along chip seal roads.

Foreman Price requested permission to purchase, using Road Improvement Funds, asphalt millings from Herzog Corporation at a rate of \$8.00 per ton to be used on Freeport Road, south of Sparks, Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners made no objections.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Board employees with the County Clerk and County Treasure offices have completed in-class driver's license training with on-site training to take place Thursday and Friday of the current week. Once training is complete Doniphan County will begin driver's license renewals Tuesdays through Fridays during normal business hours.

Departmental budget and cash summary for the period ending September 30, 2020 was reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. County Clerk Peggy Franken voiced concern with current cash balance of the Elderly fund and paying expenses through the remainder of the year. Chairman Geiger asked Clerk Franken to work with the Aging Department to reallocate incorrect fund transfers between the Kitchen, Title IIIC1, Title IIIC2 and Elderly funds.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of a citizen's request asking the Commission to issue a mandatory mask mandate due to the spread of the coronavirus. The Board of County Commissioners were in consensus to highly recommend, but not mandate, the use of masks where social distancing cannot be obtained, the practice of proper hand washing and hygiene and encourage people stay home if not feeling well. In addition, the County Board recommended businesses implement mask policies where social distancing cannot be obtained.

At 9:24 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:29 A.M.

Chairman Geiger asked Commissioner Collins if any action has been taken by the City of White Cloud on the Four State Lookout. Commissioner Collins said he has not been in contact with City of White Cloud Officials, however the First District Road Crew has removed trees in preparation of rocking the roadway prior to winter.

Commissioner Geiger said the Second District Road Crew has completed work on Monument Road in Section 26 Township 4 Range 21E. They are also finishing road work on Mineral Point Road in Section 17 Township 4 Range 21E.

Commissioner Geiger stated State emergency funds remain for repair on 245th and Peck Roads. The Second Road District will shore up wing walls, straighten the guardrail and haul in shale rock.

Discussion was held in regard to the status of Doniphan County Senior Citizens Centers. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to keep Doniphan County Senior Citizens Centers open requiring masks be worn, along with social distancing, proper hygiene and usage of personal protective equipment, with the Board of County Commissioners to re-evaluate in two weeks' time. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners will follow up with Aging Administrator Peggy Wood on definite plans to prepare and deliver home delivered meals to food insecure individuals.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:43 A.M.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman

