

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 19, 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. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Register of Deeds/911 Coordinator Susan Shuster and Undersheriff Mark Allen 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. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the Board of County Commissioners staff in the County Clerk and County Treasurer offices have completed training through the Kansas Department of Revenue to issue driver's license renewals and Real ID's. Clerk Franken stated Doniphan County is currently taking appointments for driver's license renewals and issuance of Real ID's everyday Tuesday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. Interested persons should contact the County Clerk or County Treasurer offices to schedule an appointment.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to make budgeted transfer from Road and Bridge fund to Noxious Weed fund in the amount of \$11,000.00 for transfer of Ford F250 Super Duty pickup from Noxious Weed Department to Road and Bridge Department to be used for sign installation. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said she is computing the amount of rock hauled and will have rock balances including stockpile and Township Road Improvement Fund balances for the County Commissions review at the October 26, 2020 meeting.

Discussion was held in regard to Township Road Improvement Fund monies being kept at Hamm Quarry with no rock available. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will contact Hamm Quarry for a refund of Road Improvement Funds or rock to be hauled.

Commissioner Geiger said Whetrock has dirt available for the County's usage. Discussion followed on storage options. No action was taken.

Commissioner Geiger also informed the County Board the Second Road District would be obtaining bids for the purchase of tires for the belly dump trailer.

Commissioner Collins said Wolf River Township is short on Road Improvement Funds; monies may be needed from the County Road and Bridge fund to rock Ash Point Road from Leona south to Star Corner.

Register of Deeds/911 Coordinator Susan Shuster and Undersheriff Mark Allen presented the Board of County Commissioners with an agreement between Kansas 911 Coordinating Council and Doniphan County, Kansas, to upgrade Doniphan County's 911 Dispatch system to Next Generation 911 at a cost not to exceed \$36,000.00 annually for two terminals. The system upgrade will eliminate ring delay when dialing 911, enhance mapping location for 911 calls, provide the ability to text and communicate through cellular phone with Dispatch and finally in the event Doniphan County's 911 Dispatch center is not available 911 calls will be answered by a central dispatch service operated by the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council. Ms. Shuster stated 91 of 105 Kansas Counties have entered into agreements with the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council for Next Generation 911 services. Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement with Kansas 911 Coordinating Council to upgrade Doniphan County's 911 Dispatch system to Next Generation 911 services at a cost not to exceed \$36,000.00 annually with the cost to be paid from 911 Surcharge fund. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:10 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 Road Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:20 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried. 3-0. The County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Collins asked for the Board of County Commissioners' consideration in purchasing a Western Star rock truck for the First Road District, to include a heavy barrel drum for hauling rock and rip rap. The County Commission asked Commissioner Collins to obtain a cost estimate for their consideration.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson informed the Board of County Commissioners of grant awards to local businesses on behalf of the Kansas Department of Commerce through the Securing Local Food Assistance grants program. Receiving grant awards during the first round of funding were Anderson Meats \$80,000.00, John's Market \$50,000.00 and The Marie Antoinette Gluten Free Baking Company \$30,000.00. The Board of County Commissioners offered their congratulations and thanked each business for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, as they have been leaned on heavily for resources.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:32 A.M.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman