

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 4, 2021

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, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were present. Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan was absent.

Second District Commissioner-elect Wayne Grable, Third District Commissioner-elect Bobby Hall and First District Road Foreman Sean Price observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Jim Long, CPA and The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the December 28, 2020 regular and December 31, 2020 special meetings as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve added taxes to the 2020 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$433.64 and abated taxes totaling \$10,067.26. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Fee reports for the month of December 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.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Appraiser Danielle Kiefer to discuss decrease in values on property affected by 2019 flooding. Appraiser Kiefer stated Kansas Department of Revenue Property Valuation Division reclassified crop land affected by 2019 flooding to grass land values.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented sales tax collections in the amount of \$46,156.99.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to allow Chris Schultz, Third District Deputy Road Foreman, to carryover unused 2020 vacation time to be utilized by January 31, 2021 due to being called in off of vacation for inclement weather. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to extend the countywide mask mandate pursuant to Doniphan County Resolution 2020-11, a Resolution requiring the wearing of masks or other face coverings, enforcement of quarantine and isolation orders within Doniphan County, Kansas, for a period of one week with review January 11, 2021. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to purchase a desktop computer for the Doniphan County Emergency Management office.

At 9:03 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed until 9:26 A.M. with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed “old business” agenda items. Chairman Geiger asked if the current County Board had any interest in acting on Robert Williamson’s proposal to quit claim to Doniphan County material storage area located around the Second District Road shop at 302 Robertson St, Troy, Kansas, for \$1.00 and provide the County with a non-exclusive private road easement over the area currently used to access Main Street from the Second District shop building for \$1.00 in exchange for Doniphan County providing all legal work, acquiring and installing a 24” culvert from the open junction area for drainage pipes (at the southwest corner of Main Street in Troy, Kansas). With the culvert extending southeast across the Williamson driveway as necessary at mutually agreed upon grade. Doniphan County would also remove the abandoned drainage structures south of the junction area and restore Williamson driveway where disrupted, all within Section 20 Township 3 Range 21E. It was the consensus of the Board of County Commissioners to take no action.

Commissioner Geiger updated Commissioners-elect Grable and Hall on the unstable condition of Peck Road, south of 245th Road in Section 23 Township 2 Range 21E.

Discussion was held in regard to Engemann Drainage Company Inc. proposal dated July 2, 2020 to push road banks for purpose of relocation of waterline on Oxide Road, between 175th and 190th Roads in Section 27 Township 3 Range 21E, with Rural Water District #5 to cost share in the project. No action was taken.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with a corrected proposal from Schwab-Eaton PA to perform biennial bridge inspection on 92 of Doniphan County’s 98 structures pursuant to Kansas Department of Transportation guidelines, at a cost of \$153.00 per bridge for a total cost of \$14,076.00. The Board previously took action on December 21, 2020 to enter into contractual agreement between Schwab-Eaton, PA and Doniphan County, Kansas, to perform interim bridge inspections on 23 bridges, including 3 structures for scour erosion, pursuant to Kansas Department of Transportation requirements, in the amount of \$5,175.00. Manager Norris reported the interim bridge inspection proposal was presented in error by Schwab-Eaton, PA. Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into an agreement with Schwab-Eaton, PA to perform biennial bridge inspection on 92 of Doniphan County’s 98 bridge structures at a rate of \$153.00 per structure for a total cost of \$14,076.00. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Jim Long, CPA with Karlin & Long, CPA’s presented the Doniphan County Commission with the 2019 Doniphan County audit. Mr. Long reported no violations and gave a clean audit report.

The new Board of County Commissioners, along with newly elected County Officials, will be sworn in and take office at 9:00 A.M. Monday, January 11, 2021.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:04 A.M.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman