

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 19, 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 Wayne Grable, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall, County Clerk Peggy Franken present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Trina Earl and Ashley Tilton with Doniphan County Pet Rescue, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Emergency Management/Zoning Coordinator Julie Meng were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of April 12, 2021 as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of March 2021 was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 9 local inmates.

Doniphan County Pet Rescue Representatives Trina Earl and Ashely Tilton were present to request Doniphan County donate or lease to Doniphan County Pet Rescue a tract of land to be used as a boarding facility for animals. In addition, Mrs. Earl is currently serving as an animal control officer for local municipalities and the Sheriff's Department with only the City of Elwood paying a monthly fee of \$100.00. The Board of County Commissioners took the request under consideration.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission due to impending snow in the weather forecast for Tuesday, April 20, 2021, on-site motor grader training will be rescheduled.

Manager Norris presented the County Board with road expenses and road improvement fund balances through March 31, 2021 for their review.

Ken Wade, Outreach Specialist with the US Army Corp of Engineers, has been contacted about the condition of Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, in Section 5 Township 4 Range 22E where the roadway continues to slough off along the Missouri River. Specialist Wade will make contact with representatives throughout the US Army Corp of Engineers to offer assistance with permanent repair.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to rent double roller from Foley Equipment at a cost of \$2,132.00 per month to assist with road patch work. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, is obtaining rental and purchasing options for rock laying machine to be used to apply shoulder rock along hard surfaced roadways. She is also acquiring a cost estimate from Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. to stripe 170th Road following application of 2" asphalt overlay.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Commission culvert replacement is needed on Randolph Road in Section 18 Township 3 Range 22E. The project will include tearing up the hard surfaced road in order to replace the existing tube and an agreement with adjoining property owner for removal and replacement of fence.

Commissioner Hall asked about the status of rocking 155th Road south of Troy, Kansas. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said the road was bladed on Thursday, April 15, 2021 but not rocked. She has received several calls concerning the condition of the roadway.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the following Road Department expenses: Franken Auto Parts \$581.32; Engemann Drainage \$752.00; Mayday Trucking Service \$510.40 and Van Keppel \$1,954.04. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall said he received a complaint in regard to road conditions at 1731 Heartland Road, saying the taxpayer was told by a representative of Doniphan County that they did not pay enough tax to worry about the county fixing the road. Commissioner Hall said all county residents should be treated equally regardless of the amount of tax paid. Commissioner Grable concurred saying the amount of rock and road work completed should not be judged on the amount of tax paid. Further saying if there are no funds available in township general funds, the County is responsible for rocking roads with funds from the County Road and Bridge fund. Discussion was held in regard to ditch repair. Commissioner Collins said he would view the road.

Emergency Management/Zoning Coordinator Julie Meng presented the County Commission with a proposal for electrical work from RS Electric to furnish and install conduit and wire to tie existing power and lighting circuits to power up with the existing emergency generator at a cost of \$8,750.00. The following electrical installation will include:

1.
 - a. 1st Floor
 - i. Light and vault lights
 - ii PTAC Unit
 - b. 2nd Floor
 - i. Courtroom lights
 - ii. Smart Screen outlet
 - iii. District Court Clerk light fixtures and receptacles
 - c. 3rd Floor
 - i. Hallway lights
 - ii. Bathroom lights
 - iii. County Attorney office light fixtures and receptacles
2. Install new circuit breakers for new circuits being installed.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the proposal of RS Electric and have necessary electric work completed to tie all existing power to emergency generator in the amount of \$8,750.00, with the expense to be paid from the New Sales Tax fund. In addition, contract with RS Electric to install automatic timer on ADA accessible lift. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:25 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data with legal counsel regarding roads, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:55 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Grable asked the status of hauling rock on a two mile stretch of Freeport Road from US Hwy 36 to 190th Road as requested by Bill Huss. Commissioner Collins said he viewed the road after the meeting and it has been placed on the First Road District list of roads to rock.

Commissioner Collins reported road tube replacement on 150th and Friendship Road, south of Bendena, has been completed by the First Road District.

Commissioner Grable will meet with representatives of Whetrock Quarries to have the quarry crush up to 5,000 ton of 2” rock for use by Doniphan County.

Doniphan County Commission was in receipt of the Doniphan Electric voting ballot. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to have Commissioner Grable represent Doniphan County and vote the ballot in person at the Doniphan Electric Board meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman