

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 26, 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 and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Fire District No. 2 Chairman Eric Tracy, Fire District No. 3 Chairman Kevin Thompson, Fire District No. 2 Ambulance Director Ken Stewart, John M. Smith, Jr, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, First Road District Foreman Sean Price, Selective Site Services Representative Paul Greeley 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 19, 2021 as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of April 30, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve added taxes in the amount of \$82.04 to the 2020 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 11 local inmates.

Eric Tracy, Chairman Fire District No. 2 Board, updated the Board of County Commission on the status of Fire District No. 2 Ambulance District and the immediate need for staff. On June 1, 2021 the District will see a 60% reduction in staff for the 24/7 ambulance service which covers the territories of Fire District No. 2 and Fire District No. 3. Chairman Tracy said Fitch & Associates consulting survey to determine the feasibility of a countywide ambulance district will not be completed prior to June 1, 2021 and will take at least a year to implement, thereby risking the possibility of losing ambulance service in the western portion of Doniphan County due to staffing issues. Fire District No. 3 Chairman Kevin Thompson informed the County Commission of Fire District No. 3's contractual funding obligation to help support the invaluable service of Fire District No. 2 Ambulance District. Further saying Fire District No. 3 has two EMT's who are able to assist the Ambulance District, however they do not meet the 5 minute response time requirement. Volunteer and full time staff is needed as a short term fix to ensure there is no gap in coverage until such time as a determination on a county or district wide ambulance service can be determined.

John M. Smith, Jr discussed road repair on Heartland Road with the County Commission. Commissioner Collins and Road Foreman Price are formulating a repair plan for the roadway.

At 9:23 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Health Department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:28 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Health Department/Home Health Administrator remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Whitney McCauley, RN part-time for the Doniphan County Health Department at rate of \$25.00 per hour effective July 1, 2021. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce presented the Board of County Commissioners bids for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with funds obtained through the Northeast Kansas Regional Initiative Group.

American AED	\$1,615.00
Cardio Partners	\$1,783.00
Heartsmart	\$1,824.00

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the bid of American AED in the amount of \$1,615.00. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to authorize Chairman Wayne Grable to execute Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Expanded Infrastructure grant between Doniphan County Health Department and Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the amount of \$137,826.00. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Said grant funds will be used for salary reimbursement, COVID-19 testing and vaccination expenses, technology upgrades, purchase of generator and furnace for the Health Department building, with funds to be expended by June 30, 2023.

Sheryl Pierce, Health Department/Home Health Administrator, updated the Board of County Commissioners on the number of COVID-19 vaccines administered to Doniphan County residents 18 years and older. Currently Doniphan County has one positive COVID-19 case.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission she will reach out to the Kansas Department of Transportation to utilize a traffic counter for Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, as recommended by the US Army Corp of Engineers for consideration in making permanent repair where the roadway continues to slough off along the Missouri River in Section 5 Township 4 Range 22E. Norris will also request use of rock laying machine to assist with application of shoulder rock as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation Local Road Safety Plan.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve purchase of 301.65 ton of rip rap for use on Oxide Road north of 150th Road in the amount of \$3,619.80 from Foley Quarry. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence was presented to the County Commission from Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. regarding striping of 170th Road following installation of 2" asphalt overlay. The Board of County Commission were in agreement to middle stripe the road.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission the 2012 Freightliner (#4) has been taken to Bolin Auto-Truck Parts for DEF filter cleaning.

Foreman Price also informed the County Commission of recall work being performed on one of the 2017 John Deere motor graders by Murphy Tractor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to authorize repair to cylinder in low boy trailer, housed at the Second Road District, by Bolin Hydraulic. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Commission up to 200 ton of rip rap will be needed for culvert repair on Larkinburg Road in Section 19 Township 4 Range 21E.

Commissioner Grable passed along thank yous from Phyllis Schrader, Trish Bishop and Carl Tharman for timeliness of road work completed in the Doniphan area.

Commissioner Grable expressed concern with road complaints coming into the Road Office and requested Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris pass all concerns on to him and Second Road District Foreman Wayne Carter to include name, date, time and contact telephone number.

Commissioner Grable, on behalf of Second Road District Foreman Wayne Carter, asked the County Commission to consider Road Foremen being allowed to drive county pickup trucks home. County Clerk Peggy Franken will check on IRS rules and regulations.

Commissioner Hall informed Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris of missing 25 mph speed limit zone signs on Voltaire and 165th Road.

At 9:55 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Road Department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:05 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and First Road District Foreman remained.

Paul Greeley, Selective Site Services Representative, was present to discuss proposed Verizon cellular tower sites located in Troy, Kansas, off of North Centre Street in Section 17 Township 3 Range 21E on property owned by Charles K. Huss and a second tower to be located in Wathena, Kansas, off of Tioga Road in Section 21 Township 3 Range 22E

on property owned by Euler Farms, LLC. Doniphan County Planning Commission will reconsider zoning applications at their regular meeting on May 12, 2021.

The Board of County Commissioners executed warranty deed between Doniphan County, Kansas and John F. W. Hegenderfer for property described as follows:

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 19 East of the 6th P.M., described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of said Quarter Section; thence South along the West line of said Quarter Section 121.0 feet; thence East 361.8 feet to a point 121.0 feet South of the North line of said Quarter Section; thence North 121.0 feet South of the North line of said Quarter Section; thence West along said North line to the place of beginning, and

A tract of land in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 19 East of the 6th P.M., described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeast Corner of said Quarter Section; thence South along the East line of said Quarter Section 121.0 feet; thence Westerly 538.2 feet to a point 121.2 feet South of the North line of said Quarter Section; thence North 45.0 feet; thence Westerly to a point on the West line 76.5 feet South of the Northwest Corner of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter Section; thence North 76.5 feet to the North line of said Quarter Section; thence East along said North line to the place of beginning,

At 10:28 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal matters with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:38 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman