

DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 17, 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. Appraiser Danielle Kiefer, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, First Road District Foreman Sean Price, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Don Brown and Michael Clancy Representatives with RenoDry USA, Emergency Management/Zoning Coordinator Julie Meng, Dennis Foster and Martha Smith with Northeast Kansas Environmental Services were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include Health Department/Home Health Director Sheryl Pierce. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of May 10, 2021 as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Appraiser Danielle Kiefer presented the County Commission a cost for the purchase of two computers plus installation for the County Appraiser's office by Dell in the amount of \$3,842.18. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of two computers for the County Appraiser's office from Dell in the amount of \$3,842.18, including installation. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson presented the County Commission with the Kansas Highway 36 Association's Kansas Highway 36 magazine highlighting Kansas counties along US Highway 36 with pages 6-7 featuring Doniphan County. The cover of the Kansas Highway 36 magazine is a picture of a Pony Express Rider silhouette located in Doniphan County, taken by Doniphan County Treasurer's employee Jaime Albers. In addition, on page 37 Kirkwood & Co is named as a winner of the 2020 Best Burgers on 36 Contest.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair bill for the 2005 Mack dump truck (#46) by Mayday Trucking Services in the amount of \$9,806.90. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

First Road District Foreman Sean Price told the Board of County Commissioners tube replacement project on 120th Road, south of Bendena, Kansas, has been completed however the road is not fully opened to traffic pending rock.

Correspondence was presented to the Board from Foley Equipment regarding virtual technician consulting services.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission of telephone call from Diane Pierce regarding the need for rock on 140th Road.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce informed the County Commission of the resignation of Jessica Robinson, Health Department Office Manager. Pierce will advertise to fill the vacant position.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase five safety shirts for each employee of the Doniphan County Road Department from Northern Safety & Industrial at a cost of \$11.77 per shirt. Employees of the Road Department will be required to wear safety shirts while on duty for Doniphan County. During inclement weather when a jacket is needed, employees will be required to wear a safety vest over their jacket. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with rock amounts hauled weekly between the dates of April 1, 2021- May 9, 2021.

Tube prices from Metal Culverts were presented to the Board of County Commissioners by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris for tube replacement projects on Saratoga Road in Section 18 Township 3 Range 22E and another on 150th Road in Section 2 Township 4 Range 21E. Discussion was held on contracting out tube replacement projects in order to allow the Road Department time to complete routine maintenance and chip seal projects.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of correspondence from Omega Liner Company selling tube liner products. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will contact the company to view road tube on Saratoga Road in Section 18 Township 3 Range 22E to determine feasibility of lining tube rather than replacing.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported two weeks of road patch work left, with chip seal projects predicted to begin mid-June.

Don Brown and Michael Clancy, Representative with RenoDry USA, a company that dries out old buildings. Mr. Brown explained the Company would do a free assessment of moisture content within the courthouse and present the County Commission a report of findings. A proposal will then be submitted to mitigate the rising damp from the building for the Boards' consideration.

Custodian Richard Blanton discussed with the Board of County Commissioners hiring of part-time help to assist with lawn maintenance, snow removal and painting projects. Chairman Grable said bids have been solicited for lawn maintenance and snow removal with bid letting to be held on Monday, May 24, 2021. The Commissioners asked County Clerk Peggy Franken to assist Custodian Blanton with contacting individuals and businesses to help with painting projects.

At 9:34 A.M. Commissioner Grable 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 9:44 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners received correspondence from the Kansas Association of Counties requesting membership in the National Association of Counties at an annual fee of \$450.00. No action was taken.

Commissioner Collins voiced his opinion on hiring contractors to perform work for Doniphan County, saying contractors should pay taxes on equipment, if equipment is tax exempt Doniphan County is not receiving any revenue from the contractor. Commissioner Hall said contractors should be located within Doniphan County. Commissioner Grable agreed with Commissioner Hall; further saying contractors are paying property tax according to Kansas law and the Board of County Commissioners have no jurisdiction over tax law.

Northeast Kansas Environmental Services Representatives Dennis Foster and Martha Smith, along with Zoning Administrator Julie Meng, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss concerns with wastewater systems when lowering the minimum acreage requirement for building down from 2 acres. Mr. Foster said when environmental sanitation codes were included in zoning codes several items were considered when setting the 2-acre building requirement: soil type, property lines, existing wells, slope of land; water impoundments and high-water tables. More acreage allows property owners to get around obstacles for placement of wastewater system. In addition, future expansion on the property such as additions to homes and outbuildings will create the need for wastewater systems to be expanded or replaced. State law requirements speak to setback from adjoining property lines, if a system should fail with smaller lot sizes, replacement and expansion could pose a problem. It is the recommendation of Northeast Kansas Environmental Services Representatives that Doniphan County remain with the 2-acre requirement for numerous reasons, some of which are outlined above. Zoning Administrator Julie Meng said properties with less than 2 acres established prior to 1965 are grandfathered in, allowing building.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman