

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 21, 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. Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, First Road District Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Appraiser Danielle Kiefer, Sean Gordon with Gordon CPA, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson and County Attorney Intern Preston Duncan were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include executive sessions for legal matters with counsel and non-elect personnel. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of June 14, 2021 as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve manual warrants for the period of June 15, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 10 local inmates.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris' attendance at the Noxious Weed conference in Manhattan, Kansas. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris will seek cost estimates for roof coating and gutters on the Noxious Weed shop building located at 552 240th Rd, Highland, Kansas.

First Road District Foreman Sean Price informed the County Commission the oil distributor broke down during chip seal. Van Keppel will have the equipment repaired today or tomorrow.

Foreman Price also presented the Road Department a list of roads within the First Road District needing shoulder rock. The District will begin applying shoulder rock to former State highways and asphalt roads following chip seal season.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to send letter of request for 5-year lease extension to Bellemont Cemetery Association and Wathena Lodge No. 64 A.F. & A.M. for use of building to house the Wathena Keen-Age Senior Citizens Center pursuant to terms of original lease agreement dated April 17, 2015. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Wanda Moore to fill the position of Health Department Administrative Assistant on a full-time basis at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective June 24, 2021. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with Household Hazardous Waste collections for the period of May 26, 2021.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners rock totals as of June 11, 2021 for their review.

Manager Norris will contact Omega Liners to determine the best solution for repair of tube located on Saratoga Road in Section 18 Township 3 Range 22E.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, presented the County Commission with price quote from Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. to apply 2" asphalt overlay on 190th Road in the unincorporated areas of Blair, Kansas, including shoulder work.

Peck Road east to Randolph Road	\$105,732.00
Randolph Road east to Saratoga Road	\$118,034.00

Action tabled by the Board of County Commission pending Commissioner Grable meeting with representatives of Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. to discuss drainage and representatives of the Kansas Department of Transportation on the extension of Runnymede Road south to US Highway 36.

Norris presented the County Commission with 5-year maintenance extension invoice in the amount of \$742.95 from Praxair for tanks at the Second Road District. Action tabled pending review of tanks and invoice as presented.

An on-site contractors meeting has been set for 9:00 A.M. on July 7, 2021 to review and discuss replacement of road tubes on 140th Road in Sections 10 and 15 Township 4 Range 21E and 150th Road in Section 2 Township 4 Range 21E.

Commissioner Collins asked for the County Commission consideration on placement of concrete floor on bridge T-133-1 located on 190th Road northeast of Severance, Kansas, in Section 18 Township 3 Range 20E. Husker Steel recently completed repairs shoring up the bridge structure. The Board agreed to seek a cost estimate from Husker Steel for placement of concrete floor for their consideration.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve attendance at the annual Kansas Appraiser's Association conference by Appraiser Danielle Kiefer. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:04 A.M. Commissioner Collins 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 9:09 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and First Road District Foreman remained.

Commissioner Collins announced the resignation of First Road District employee Travis Owen effective June 25, 2021. An advertisement will be placed to fill the vacant operator's position.

At 9:11 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 Aging Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:16 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk remained.

At 9:16 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break, with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:18 A.M.

Gordon CPA Representative Sean Gordon, CPA reviewed with the Board of County Commissioners the 2020 Doniphan County Financial Audit. Mr. Gordon said the audit revealed the highest and cleanest opinion given and was in good standing. One recommendation was made for county bank statements to be reconciled within 30 days.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson informed the County Commission of the resignation of Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Director Kim Whitsell. An advertisement has been placed to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to hire Susan Idol on a temporary part-time basis to assist at the Highland Senior Citizens Center at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective June 11, 2021. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:42 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Aging Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:52 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Aging Director remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to extend for a period of 60-days the probationary period of Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, subject to review August 23, 2021. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2021-7, a Resolution of Doniphan County, Kansas, denying the request for a Conditional Use permit to allow a Verizon wireless communications tower at 518 N Centre Street, Troy, Kansas. Commissioner Hall seconded. Commissioner Grable No. Motion passed 2-1. Said Resolution was recorded and is on file in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk in Resolution Book 3 Page 281.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2021-08, a Resolution of Doniphan County, Kansas, denying the request for a Conditional Use permit to allow a Verizon wireless communications tower at 1141 Tioga Road, Wathena, Kansas. Commissioner Hall seconded. Commissioner Grable No. Motion passed 2-1. Said Resolution was recorded and is on file in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk in Resolution Book 3 Page 283.

County Attorney Charles Baskins informed the Board of County Commissioners a motion for judgement will be forthcoming ordering a tax foreclosure sale within the city limits of Highland, Kansas.

At 10:01 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of confidential nature with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:11 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 10:12 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 10:22 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 10:22 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to extend executive session to continue discussion on and protect 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 10:32 A.M. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 10:32 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to extend executive session to continue discussion on and protect 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 10:37 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to chip seal road at 4-H grounds to the cattle barn at Doniphan County's expense, during the 2021 chip seal season. Commissioner Collins 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 Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman