

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 6, 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. Treasurer-elect Nicole Diveley, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, G.E. Pierce, and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of June 28, 2021 as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2020 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$100.06. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of June 2021 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

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

Treasurer-elect Nicole Diveley presented the County Commission an agreement between Doniphan County and Treasurer employee Heather Veach agreeing to utilization of vacation leave prior to anniversary date; if employment should be terminated prior to anniversary date used vacation leave shall be repaid to Doniphan County by employee.

Sales Tax receipts in the amount of \$49,964.21 were presented to the Board by County Clerk Peggy Franken.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2021-09, a Resolution to cooperate with other municipalities to participate in the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool for liability insurance coverage. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Said Resolution has been recorded and is on file in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk in Resolution Book 3 Page 287.

G.E. Pierce appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to request the County erect minimal maintenance road signs on Castleton Road between 140<sup>th</sup> Road and 150<sup>th</sup> Road in Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16 Township 4 Range 19E. The County Commission agreed to order and erect minimal maintenance road signs and haul a load of rock to be placed just south of 755 Castleton Road.

Speaking in favor of replacing bridge T43-1 located on 140<sup>th</sup> and Castleton Roads in Sections 10 and 15 Township 4 Range 19E, G.E. Pierce said 140<sup>th</sup> is a school bus route and the school bus along with agriculture traffic are not able to cross the bridge structure in its current condition.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase six (6) sets of road closed barricades, along with solar flashing lights, for each of the three (3) road districts at a cost of \$200.00 per set. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with weekly rock report for week ended June 25, 2021 and current rock price list for Hamm's Quarry. Norris also presented the County Board with a list of road concerns following heavy rainfall June 24, 2021.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve invoice to Van Keppel for repair of oil distributor in the amount of \$2,059.78. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Board MCon and Doniphan County have erected silt fence and made repairs to Randolph Road, Section 15 Township 3 Range 21E, where dirt is silting in ditches and washing across the roadway. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will check on the status of driveway tube.

At 9:13 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter 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 9:28 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:28 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of continuing discussion 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 9:43 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:48 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data related to economic development, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:58 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Economic Development Director remained.

At 9:59 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Economic Development office, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:04 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk, Economic Development Director remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to partner with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and Rainbow Communications to seek NTIA grant funds for countywide broadband expansion. Doniphan County to pay grant administrator fees for Broadband Infrastructure Program grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, payment to be made from Economic Development fund. Second round of funding for Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program grant administrative costs to be negotiated, if necessary. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to contract with Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. to overlay with 2" asphalt and place shoulder rock on 190<sup>th</sup> Road from Peck Road to Randolph Road in the unincorporated area of Blair, Kansas, in the amount of \$105,732.00, payment to be made from New Sales Tax Fund. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable said he has been in contact with the Kansas Department of Transportation in regard to extending Runnymede Road south to US Highway 36 in Section 19 Township 3 Range 22E. Representatives of the Kansas Department of Transportation must grant approval for access onto US Highway 36. No action will be taken on placement of 2" asphalt and shoulder rock on 190<sup>th</sup> Road from Randolph Road to Saratoga Road until a decision has been made on the extension of Runnymede Road.

Commissioner Collins encourages farmers not to farm County Rights-of-Way or all the way to County roadways in order for roads to be properly maintained.

Commissioner Grable announced, with regret, the retirement of long time Second Road District employee Steve Schultz effective July 9, 2021.

Discussion was held in regard to 2022 Doniphan County budget. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to publish at the current mill levy rate of 38.607 mills and set date for revenue neutral rate and budget hearings as of August 23, 2021 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Grable will meet with contractors for tube replacement projects on 140<sup>th</sup> Road in Sections 10 and 15 Township 4 Range 21E and on 150<sup>th</sup> Road in Section 2 Township 4 Range 21E Wednesday, July 7, 2021 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to contract with CureMD and approve the purchase of electronic health records for the Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency in the amount of \$4,786.00 along with monthly maintenance fee of \$548.00, payment to be reimbursed through the COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection supplement grant (ELC). Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce informed the County Commission Doniphan County currently has 24 active COVID cases, a majority being the new Delta variant, with four (4) hospitalizations. Pierce reiterated the importance of staying home when sick, submitting to free testing and getting the COVID vaccine, which is also free of charge. Symptoms mimic sinus infections, affecting the lungs particularly hard. Commissioner Collins asked Administrator Pierce if patients who have gotten both COVID vaccines are contracting COVID. Pierce stated a few of the recent positive cases are breakthrough cases of those fully vaccinated, however fully vaccinated individuals will experience milder symptoms and are less likely to be hospitalized or die from symptoms of COVID. Persons coming in contact with or testing positive for COVID will be required to quarantine for 10 (ten) days, with testing to take place on day 6 (six); if results are negative quarantine will end on day 8 (eight).

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 2021.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman