

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 23, 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 and 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. Aging Administrator Diana Crouse-Johnson, Joshua Kleinschmit, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, First Road District Foreman Sean Price, Ken McCauley, James T. Scherer, CPA, Treasurer-elect Nicole Diveley, Kitchen Directors Judy Allen and Laura Winkel, Vernon Rhodd, Jr. and Robbie Craig with Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and Chris Adelman, Husker Steel were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of August 16, 2021 as written. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 13 local inmates.

Aging Administrator Diana Crouse-Johnson presented the County Commission with bids for the purchase of computer for Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center, recommending approval of Lockit Technologies based on being County's vendor for technology services.

Lockit Technologies	\$1,239.00
Dell	\$1,223.00

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the recommendation of Aging Administrator Diana Course-Johnson and approve best computer bid of Lockit Technologies in the amount of \$1,239.00. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Diana Crouse-Johnson, Aging Administrator, requested her office hours be changed from 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. due to transportation scheduling. After discussion Commissioner Grable made a motion to change office schedule of Aging Administrator, setting it at 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners ended probationary review period of Aging Administrator Diana-Crouse Johnson effective August 23, 2021 instating annual salary of \$35,000.00 effective immediately.

Joshua Kleinschmit met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss road conditions and timeline for tube replacement projects on Heartland Road in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E. Mr. Kleinschmit expressed an urgency for the Road Department to get the roadway fixed due to being a school bus route. First Road District Foreman Sean Price informed the Board and Mr. Kleinschmit an 8' spiral tube is on order and should be in stock within the week. Commissioner Collins told Mr. Kleinschmit additional time was needed due to not having a tube in stock and formulating a plan for replacement. Commissioner Hall recommended contracting out the tube replacement project if the Road Department cannot get it installed timely. Foreman Price said once the tube is in stock the Road Department will be ready to install. Price also stated Doniphan County is waiting on a signed road agreement from adjoining property owner Tyler Smith in order to install road tube and divert water to properly address drainage along Heartland Road, also in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E.

Kenneth McCauley made an inquiry with the Board of County Commissioners on the proper procedure to request closure of a portion of 265th Road in Section 8 Township 2 Range 19E. County Clerk Peggy Franken, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, informed Mr. McCauley a petition would need to be filed with the Board of County Commissioners, notice given to adjoining property owners and public hearing held prior to approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. McCauley asked First Road District Foreman Price about road repair to 295th Road in Section 26 Township 1 Range 19E prior to harvest. Foreman Price said the Road Department plans to install a T on the field outlet and place a riser across the road. McCauley asked for the backside to be filled until such time as permanent improvements can be made.

Kenneth McCauley commended the Road Department for doing a great job working county roads, especially after recent heavy rainfall.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with Road Department expenses and rock reports for the month ending July 2021. She also gave the County Commission a copy of the bridge inspection report compiled by Schwab-Eaton, PA. stating she will make a bridge posting list for Dennis Snyder, County sign maintenance employee, to insure all bridges are properly posted. Norris recommended the Board of County Commissioners review the bridge inspection report and address critical structure issues.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, asked the County Commissioners to relay to Township Board Members and the public who are concerned with the County getting roads rocked and prepared for school that chip seal season was hampered with heavy rainfall, causing the Road Department to cease oiling until emergency repairs could be made. Chip seal should be completed this week with the Road Department resuming rock hauling and road maintenance.

Asphalt overlay cost estimates from Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. were presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris as follows:

Elgin Road from Highway 20 to St. Benedict's Road (2" overlay and shoulder rock)	\$187,170.00
Friendship Road from Highway 20 to 170 th Road (2" to 3" overlay and shoulder rock)	\$163,176.00

The Board of County Commissioners took the proposals under consideration.

Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris if she contacted Centurylink to have telephone and internet cable lifted over 150th Road in order to prevent loss of service during tube replacement in Sections 2 and 11 Township 4 Range 21E. Norris stated she did contact Centurylink but will contact them again to make sure the line is moved in time for the tube replacement.

At 9:00 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners opened Revenue Neutral Rate public hearing for 2022 budget year. James T. Scherer, CPA was present. There being no public present and no public comment, Chairman Grable closed the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2021-10, a Resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for tax year 2022. Commissioner Collins 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 289.

At 9:15 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners opened public hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering questions related to Doniphan County 2022 budget. James T. Scherer, CPA was present. There being no public present and no public comment, Chairman Grable closed the hearing.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to adopt the 2022 Doniphan County budget as published at a rate of 38.607 mills. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to adopt the 2022 Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1 budget as published at a rate of 2.216 mills. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Northeast Kansas Environmental Services regarding clean up notice for property located at 306 Poplar Street, White Cloud, Kansas.

Commissioner Hall informed the County Commission the #11 2018 Western Star dump truck has been returned to the County from Midway Ford and is in working order. The truck was damaged when it overturned while dumping rock in August 2020.

Treasurer-elect Nicole Diveley requested permission to purchase a copier/printer/fax machine from Imaging Solutions at a cost of \$4,574.00 with the expense to be split between the County Treasurer and Special Motor Vehicle funds. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of a copier/printer/fax machine for the County Treasurer's office. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Grable 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 9:35 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Commission he met with Jason Brown, Invenergy Director of Local and Community Affairs, regarding Grain Belt Express high power transmission line. Commissioner Grable relayed the Company will begin core sampling and surveying by the end of August into September, if landowners see someone on their property it is presumably Invenergy.

At 9:43 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 9:53 A.M.

Kitchen Director Judy Allen introduced to the Board of County Commissioners new Director Laura Winkel. Discussion was held in regard to hiring two part-time assistants for the Kitchen. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review of applications as submitted.

First Road District Foreman Sean Price addressed the Board of County Commissioners stating after current road project commitments are completed in the First Road District he requests to be transferred to the Second Road District to serve as Second Road District Foreman. Commissioner Collins said he would be losing a good Foreman and motor grader operator, however understood the reason for the transfer living within the Second Road District. The Board of County Commissioners took no formal action until such time as Foreman Price is ready to transfer districts.

Commissioner Grable expressed his appreciation to all employees of the Road Department for working together to complete road projects following heavy rainfall this season.

Commissioner Grable also suggested the Board of County Commissioners hold discussion on the pay scale for Road Department employees prior to January 1, 2022. The Board of County Commission agreed.

Vernon Rhodd, Jr., Road Superintendent and Robbie Craig, Executive Board Member and Road Manager for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the Iowa Tribe placing a 3" asphalt overlay on 315th Road from White Cloud City limits west to Willow Road in Sections 17 and 18 Township 1 Range 19E at their expense, with Doniphan County to contribute a one-time payment comparable to the County's cost of chip sealing the 1.7 miles of roadway, estimated between \$24,500 and \$25,500. The Board of County Commissioners took the request under consideration.

Mr. Rhodd, Jr. told the County Commission the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska would be interested in assuming maintenance of 325th Road from White Cloud City limits to Willow Road in Sections 7 and 8 Township 1 Range 19 E, as well as, a portion of 330th Road west of K-7 Highway in Section 5 Township 1 Range 19E. The Board of County Commissioners took the request under advisement pending additional information from the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Chris Adelman, Husker Steel, presented the County Commission with a bid for repair of bridge structure T 43-1 located 1 mile west of the junction of Hwy 20 and 140th Road, south of Denton, Kansas in Sections 10 and 15 Township 4 Range 19E . The proposal calls for removal of existing 16' x 98'10" superstructure currently rated 3 ton and installation of 20'6" x 98'10" new superstructure with no posted weight limit at a cost of \$209,804.00, price good through September 1, 2021. Doniphan County responsible for 26 yards of concrete. The Board of County Commissioners took the proposal under consideration.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF AUGUST 2021.

Attest: _____

Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman