

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 25, 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 and Jason Osterhaus with Senator Jerry Moran's office observed the entire meeting. Aging Administrator Diana Crouse-Johnson, Paul Smith, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management/Zoning Coordinator Julie Meng, Highland Community College President Deb Fox and Chris Griffin with Natural Resources Conservation District office were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of October 18, 2021 as written. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of October 29, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of October 2021 was presented to the County Commission for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

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

Jason Osterhaus representing Senator Jerry Moran's office called on the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into one-year lease agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and City of Troy, Kansas for lease of space for operation of Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center, with annual rental fee of \$1.00. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Paul Smith met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss road maintenance on Larkinburg Road, asking the County Commission to install road tubes in Section 6 Township 3 Range 21E and Sections 7 and 12 Township 3 Range 21E in order to divert water away from the road and into the grader ditch. Mr. Smith also said the low water crossing in Section 6 Township 3 Range 21E west of Mesquito Creek Road is in need of repair. Smith told the County Commission he has been blading the road filling in pot holes. Commissioner Grable thanked Mr. Smith for assisting the County with blading the road and asked him to file a formal complaint with the Road Office to insure tube replacements are on the project list.

Highland Community College President Deb Fox appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to invite them to a dinner meeting with the Highland Community College Board of Trustees to discuss current events and future plans for Highland Community College.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission 9,783 tax statements totaling \$17,388,580.64 in property tax have been printed and are being prepared to be mailed.

Correspondence was presented to the County Commission from the Doniphan County Planning and Zoning regarding public hearing to be held November 10, 2021 at 7:30PM for the consideration of amending zoning from R-O Residential Outer to R-O Residential Outer Conditional Use to allow farm winery on a portion of the property owned by Chapple Farms, LLC located at 505 N Second Terrace, Troy, Kansas.

Clean up notice for wastewater system located at 112 Commercial Street, Bendena, Kansas was presented to the County Commission on behalf of Northeast Kansas Environmental Services.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners a copy of Doniphan County's hard surfaced road resolution for their review upon Board request. Commissioner Hall asked for future discussion on adding additional roads to the hard surfaced road plan in light of existing roads being asphalted and no need to resurface for several years. Commissioner Grable said he would entertain future discussion but could make no promises on agreeing to amend the current resolution until all hard surfaced roads are in good shape.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, presented the Commission with current Road Improvement fund and rock balances as of October 15, 2021 for their review.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and Reece Construction Company for construction of bridge RS160 located northeast of Severance, Kansas on 180<sup>th</sup> Road in Section 23 Township 3 Range 19E, with commencement date of February 7, 2022 and completion date within 100 days following. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris Griffin, Natural Resources Conservation District Office, met with the Board of County Commissioners to update them on a request made with the Kansas Division of Conservation regarding funding for field trials to be used for design variance of 10% slope grass back terraces. The District proposes completing an on farm trial to evaluate if a 12% slope with broad-based terraces, underground outlets, contour farming, no till farming, crop rotation and cover crops could be a viable cost share alternative in Doniphan County.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng presented the County Commission with FY21 Emergency Management Plan grant application in the amount of \$15,900.00. Chairman Grable executed grant application as presented on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Emergency Management Director Julie Meng discussed with the Board of County Commissioners tornadic activity in Doniphan County, particularly around the Troy, Kansas area on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to name Bethani Jarrett Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency Deputy Administrator effective November 1, 2021. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:24 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal road matters with Counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:29 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:35 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break, calling the meeting back to order at 10:05 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission.

Chairman Grable offered condolences, thoughts and prayers on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to the family of Galen Mitchell, former Second Road District Foreman.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

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

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Wayne Grable, Chairman