

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 15, 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 C B Lackey observed the entire meeting. Bryan Ptomey, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, 63rd District State Representative Dr. John Eplee, Troy City Councilman Micheal Brissett and Bryan Jones with Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. 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 Hall made a motion to approve minutes of the November 2, 2021 General Election canvass as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of November 8, 2021 as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 5 local inmates.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price informed the County Commission rock was hauled on school bus routes, including T231 in the amount of \$2,352.18, T28 \$647.35 and T126 \$ 991.76, requesting permission to pay the cost of rock from County Road and Bridge general fund. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the purchase of rock for Center Township roads in the amount of \$3,991.29. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Foreman Price said the Road District will continue rocking school bus routes getting them in shape prior to winter weather.

Commissioner Grable asked Second Road District Foreman Sean Price about road maintenance on 210th and Runnymede Roads. Foreman Price said the road crew was blading the road but stopped blading due to mud. The road will be graded and graveled. Commissioner Hall said the Third Road District is logging what roads they are working on, as well as, the type of work completed. Commissioner Grable stated road crews should complete projects and not stop working because the Road District changes, all agreed.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with household hazardous waste collections as of November 4, 2021.

C B Lackey asked the County Commissioners when a tax foreclosure sale was last held in Doniphan County, Kansas. County Attorney Charles Baskins said tax foreclosure sale on six (6) properties located in Highland, Kansas, will be held within the next 60 days. Following, a countywide tax foreclosure sale will be held; title work has begun on the countywide foreclosure sale by a local Abstractor with a sale slated for fall 2022.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with Township Road Improvement fund balances as of November 5, 2021 for their review. She asked the County Commission to begin thinking about stockpiling rock at each Road District shop using remaining funds.

Chairman Grable executed sales agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and Foley Equipment for purchase of 2021 model 299D3 compact track loader with grapple bucket in the amount of \$67,181.00.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, gave Commissioner Tim Collins a copy of project construction map for Grain Belt Express high power transmission line, upon his request. She also directed him to Grain Belt Express website www.grainbeltexpressline.com for an interactive map.

Discussion was held in regard to hiring an engineering firm to negotiate and administer Road Use and PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Tax) agreements between Doniphan County, Kansas, and Grain Belt Express, Invenergy during construction of a high voltage transmission line spanning 21.8 miles across Doniphan County, Kansas. Commissioner Grable expressed reluctance to hiring someone from western Kansas to represent and advocate on behalf of Doniphan County.

At 8:58 A.M. the Board recessed for a 5-minute break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:03 A.M.

The annual Doniphan County Employee Christmas Dinner sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners will be held December 2, 2021 and hosted by the First Baptist Church of Troy.

63rd District Representative Dr. John Eplee called on the Board of County Commissioners to give a legislative update following the 2021 Legislative session.

Micheal Brissett, Troy City Councilman representing Emergency Medical Services Assessment Committee, met with the Board of County Commissioners to review analytic report compiled by consulting firm Fitch & Associates, LLC on the future of Emergency Medical Services in Doniphan County, Kansas. Mr. Brissett in summarizing the report highlighted three recommendations for continuation of Emergency Medical Services in Doniphan County: 1) Establish countywide ambulance service 2) Continue as is currently by operating two separate ambulance services which is sustainable short term or 3) Hire an independent consulting firm to develop Requests for Proposals for outsourcing the ambulance service. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending further review of the draft report compiled by consultants Fitch & Associates, LLC. County Clerk Peggy Franken advised the Board action will be necessary prior to May 2022 for budgeting purposes in order to fund the ambulance service beginning January 1, 2023.

Bryan Jones, Representative of Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc., was present to discuss Doniphan County contracting with Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. to apply shoulder rock along designated hard surfaced roadways. After discussion, Mr. Jones said he would determine a more precise yield to be used on each roadway as outlined by the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration. If approved, Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. could begin rocking shoulders along designated hard surfaced roadways the first week of December 2021.

Commissioner Grable asked County Attorney Charles Baskins the procedure for moving Stop signs or adding additional Stop signs, in particular at the intersection of Mineral Point and 180th Roads where there is a safety issue due to current placement of Stop sign. County Attorney Charles Baskins said he would determine legal requirements and report back to the Board.

County Attorney Charles Baskins presented the County Commission a list of minimal maintenance roads for designation by County Resolution. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review.

At 10:51 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal matters regarding negotiations with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 11:01 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman