

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 13, 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. Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall and County Clerk Peggy Franken present. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins arrived at 8:34 A.M. County Attorney Charles Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis and CB Lackey observed the entire meeting. Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Sheriff Chad Clary were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve County Commission meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of December 6, 2021 as written. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve abated taxes in the amount of \$534.86 to the 2021 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of December 15, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission she spoke with Sean Gordon, Gordon CPA regarding purchase of rock for stockpile. Mr. Gordon said there is no issue with the County purchasing rock in 2021, hauling and stockpiling at County or quarry locations in 2022, as long as budget authority allows.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of the November 2021 departmental cash and budget summary. Clerk Franken said all funds are in good standing, citing concerns with the Kitchen fund saying if supply costs remain high, meal costs may need to be increased.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price requested permission to purchase rock in the amount of \$841.20 for Peck Road and \$648.60 to complete rocking school bus routes, with payment to be made from County Road and Bridge fund. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the purchase of rock in the total amount of \$1,489.80 as requested. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Foreman Price told the County Commission Whetrock Quarries has approximately 2,000 ton of rock at a rate of \$7.00 per ton which could be used to build up ditches and rock ledges on roadways. Price recommended the Board of County Commissioners purchase and stockpile at the C&D Pit located at the Third Road District. Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase 2,000 ton of rock from Whetrock Quarries at a cost of \$7.00 per ton, with payment to be made from County Road and Bridge Fund and stockpiled at C&D Pit. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission Road Improvement Fund balances through December 3, 2021.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, discussed with the Board of County Commissioners culvert replacement on 140th and Ottumwa Road, ½ mile east on 140th Road from 708 Ottumwa Road to existing cross road culvert in Sections 10 and 15 Township 4 Range 21E. She sent bid documentation to all County contractors and published in The Kansas Chief, the official County newspaper. A required on-site contractors meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2021 with sealed bids due to the County Clerk by 5:00 P.M. January 7, 2022. Bid letting to be held Monday, January 10, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price discussed road repair work agreements on Heartland Road with the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to begin work by fixing the ditch located at 1731 Heartland Road up the hill, extend out the pond levy to the road ditch and put in a crossroad culvert. Foreman Price indicated it would take a couple days work once started.

The Board of County Commissioners held a telephone conference with Paige Ashley, Representative of Kansas Public Employees Retirement System and Sheriff Chad Clary in regard to changing Law Enforcement Officers from the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) to Kansas Police & Fire (KP&F). Ms. Ashley stated the County has two options 1) Prior service with unfunded actuarial liability due in the amount of \$210,029, an employer contribution rate of 16% and employee contribution rate of 7.15% or 2) Future service beginning January 1, 2022 with an employer contribution rate of 22.99% and employee contribution rate of 7.15%. Kansas Police & Fire retirement offers a better pension plan including family covered death and disability benefits. Commissioner Hall asked where current contributions to KPERS are being paid from. County Clerk Peggy Franken said retirement contributions are paid from the Employee Benefits fund. Commissioner Hall recommended if approved, the Commission allocate the difference in the KPERS rate of 8.89% and the 22.99% KP&F rate to the Sheriff's budget. The Board of County Commissioners tabled action, taking the request under consideration.

Clerk Franken informed the County Commission a December 27, 2021 meeting date at 9:00 A.M. has been set between the Board of County Commissioners and Emergency Medical Services Committee to discuss County ambulance service(s). Observer CB Lackey remarked ambulance service is becoming harder and harder to fund. Commissioner Grable agreed, saying it is also a service we don't want to lose.

The Board of County Commissioners were in consensus not to pay 2022 League of Kansas Municipalities dues.

At 9:33 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, with meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:48 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 9:48 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of continuing discussion and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:08 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 10:08 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of continuing discussion and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:18 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 10:19 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman