

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

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 present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Roger Engemann, Pat Urban, Mike Kiefer, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Appraiser Danielle Kiefer, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Representatives of Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Vernon Rhodd and Brad Haynes and Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson 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 Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of January 31, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of January 2022 was presented for Board review on behalf of the Register of Deeds.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 6 local inmates.

Roger Engemann and Pat Urban, representing DC Development, were present to request property values for vacant lots at the housing division be classified as agriculture land and not vacant lots until such time as lots are sold and built upon. Mr. Engemann stated taxes on the lots are high, cutting into the profit of DC Development. Appraiser Danielle Kiefer said the lots are valued based on use, she will meet with board members of DC Development to review classification status and make adjustments if warranted.

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed bids for culvert replacement located on 140th Road, ½ mile east of Ottumwa Road in part of Sections 10, 11 and 15 Township 4 Range 21E. Contractors Roger Engemann, Pat Urban and Mike Kiefer present. Bid specifications called for Contractor responsible for labor and equipment needed for culvert replacement, tree and brush removal, removal of existing crossroad culvert, installation of new crossroad culvert according to county provided specifications and proof of liability insurance. Doniphan County to furnish and maintain road closed barricades, disposal of scrap and debris, purchase of all materials needed to complete project and hauling of rock and other materials. Bids were previously presented as follows:

Urban Construction Inc	\$47,396.00
Engemann Drainage Company Inc	\$45,450.00
Kiefer Excavating	\$24,480.00

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the low bid of Kiefer Excavating and set a completion date set as of April 1, 2022. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins asked Roger Engemann, who represents Rural Water District No.5, the status of water line repair on Coronado Road. Mr. Engemann said Rural Water District No. 6 board members will take action on repair.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price informed the Commission the road crew is beginning work on 215th Road, in Section 6 Township 3 Range 21E, fixing ditches and rock ledge. Commissioner Grable suggested removing the road tube at the low water crossing.

Foreman Price also told the County Board the 2012 Freightliner was repaired by Redneck Diesel, however a leak still persists, which could've been a lose clamp that was tightened by the road crew.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve invoice for Schwab-Eaton PA in the amount of \$30,186.89 for engineering, design, survey, hydraulic and Right-of-Way acquisition for replacement of bridge structure RS160 on 180th Road. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Reece Construction Company will begin replacement of bridge structure RS160 located on 180th Road in Section 23 Township 3 Range 19E on February 21, 2022. An alternate route is open and ready for use, as to not disrupt traffic flow.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into contractual agreement with Schwab-Eaton PA for RS160 bridge replacement inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.00. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall asked the road crew to begin work on repairing bridge structures listed on the 2021 inspection as "in need of immediate attention" with Road Foremen to give a list of completed bridge repairs to Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris at the end of each week for Board review. Commissioner Collins said some of the bridge repair projects will take larger equipment to complete. Manager Norris will reach out to bridge contractors to obtain a cost estimate.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve purchase of a tire for motor grader #200 from Pomp's Tire at a cost of \$1,324.20. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed 5-year road and bridge plan. County Commissioners along with Road Foremen will view roadways to determine 2022 chip seal projects, with exact listing to be given to Vance Brothers to determine precise cost for contractual services. Commissioner Hall said the Road Department is down 9 employees which is a savings to the County allowing for the contracting of services. Commissioner Grable agreed and said all roads in the Second Road District may not need to be chip sealed which would allow additional funds toward asphalt overlay projects. Commissioner Collins voiced favoritism to starting a hard surfaced road plan by asphaltting one mile of roadway in each road district per year.

Following discussion Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve 1) placement of 3" asphalt overlay and shoulder rock on 175th Road from Wathena City limits to Peck Road at a cost of \$660,871.50 (Second and Third Districts) 2) placement of 3" asphalt overlay and shoulder rock on Elgin Road south of Highway K20 to St. Benedict's Road at a minimum cost of \$187,170.00 (First District) and 3) ditching, building up and rocking 150th Road from Highway K7 east to Port William Road consisting of 5.5 miles at a rate of \$10,800.00 per mile with County Road Department to perform work. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable asked Road Foreman Sean Price to address road issues and place rock on Monument Road in Section 12 Township 4 Range 21E by the Zwaduk residence.

The Board of County Commissioners asked County Clerk Peggy Franken to set up a meeting with representatives of Waste Management, doing business as Deffenbaugh Disposal Inc. to discuss the condition of the transfer station building located at the landfill.

Vernon Rhodd and Brad Haynes, representing the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska met with the County Commission to discuss road work on 325th Road. The Department of Army U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved nationwide permit (NWP) 13 bank stabilization activity permit for proposed work which includes the placement of rock for bank protection purposes involving the placement of fill material along and within approximately 125 linear feet of Squaw (Nolands) Creek. The project is located adjacent to Doniphan County Road 325, within Section 7 Township 1 Range 18E. A March 18, 2022 project commencement date, with a 12-month completion date was set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Commissioner Collins asked if there was interest in cost sharing the cost of rip rap for the project between Doniphan County and the Iowa Tribe. Mr. Rhodd will meet with the Tribal Council to discuss proposal of cost sharing on the project. In addition, Doniphan County will provide the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska a narrative agreement for Iowa Tribe assuming future maintenance of 325th Road for Bureau of Indian Affairs consideration.

At 9:42 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 in the Elderly Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:52 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Aging Director remained.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with the January 2022 departmental cash and budget summary for their review.

Sales Tax collections in the amount of \$54,700.71 were presented to the County Commission for their review by the County Clerk.

County Clerk Peggy Franken, on behalf of the EMS/Ambulance Committee, requested Doniphan County Commission hire Mo-Kan Regional Council to develop request for proposals (RFP) for third party service for operation of countywide ambulance service at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payment from County General fund to Mo-Kan Regional Council for development of request for proposals for operations of countywide ambulance service. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken also informed the County Commission representatives of Invenergy Transmission LLC will attend the February 22, 2022 County Commission meeting to discuss Road Use and Contribution agreements regarding the Grain Belt Express transmission line project.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman