

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 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 was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis and C.B. Lackey observed the entire meeting. Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Doniphan County/K-State Extension Program Assistant Keith Olson, John C. Rush and Charles Wilson 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 County Commission minutes of February 28, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of February 2022 were presented to the County Commission for their review on behalf of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 7 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners offered their congratulations and well wishes to the Troy High School Boys Basketball Team at the 1A D1 Kansas State High School basketball tournament to be held in Dodge City, Kansas.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson requested permission to purchase paneling from Menard's at an estimated cost of \$2,000 for Highland Senior Citizens Center building repairs for Contractor Littleman Construction, who was awarded the bid contract in October 2021. Commissioner Hall requested Director Crouse-Johnson check with Porter's about buying the product locally prior to Board action. Director Crouse-Johnson after checking with Porter's told the Commission the cost would be \$36.00 per sheet if in stock and \$60.00 per sheet to order compared to \$24.00 per sheet at Menards. The Board of County Commissioners were in consensus to adhere to County policy and not pay for materials or make advance payment until the project is complete.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented and reviewed February 2022 department cash and budget summary report with the County Commissioners.

Correspondence was received from Troy Grade School regarding their third annual community service day. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to participate and thanked Troy Grade School teachers for organizing.

County Clerk Franken also presented the County Commissioners with results of countywide ambulance service survey sent to real estate property owners. Clerk Franken said of the 3,074 surveys mailed, 1,162 were returned. Returns showed 867 yes and 241 no (54 no answer) for countywide ambulance service and levying a tax to finance the same. Discussion was held in regard to a dedicated sales tax referendum for emergency medical services. Franken said, for

references purposes, based on 2021 countywide sales tax collections a dedicated 1% sales tax would have netted \$1,005,517.04. The Board of County Commissioners will meet with the Doniphan County EMS Committee on March 14, 2022 to discuss a countywide ambulance service plan in further detail.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the County Commission Whetrock 2022 rock price list for their review. Whetrock indicated they have product located at Schneider Quarry for sale to the County at \$7.75 per ton.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Commission a driver for Midwest Concrete Materials Company dumped a yard of concrete along the dirt portion of Larkinburg Road, which ran out into the roadway. Grable asked Second Road District Foreman Sean Price to break up the concrete, haul to an area where rip rap is needed and to track all expenses incurred in cleanup including labor and equipment time in order to bill Midwest Concrete Materials Company.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to purchase oxygen and acetylene gas cylinders from local vendors instead of paying maintenance and rental fee to Linde, formerly Praxair.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris discussed with the County Commission county-line road maintenance agreement between Atchison-Doniphan counties. Atchison County is a Township Road Unit System; Doniphan County a County Road Unit System. Atchison County Township representatives have said they do not want to continue maintenance of a ¼ mile stretch of Friendship and 334<sup>th</sup> Road in Section 34 Township 4 Range 20E. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will speak with representatives of Atchison County Road Department on assuming maintenance, as the location is on Atchison County's route and out of the way for Doniphan County, with no turn around point.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve repair invoices to Redneck Diesel for #2 Freightliner located at Second Road District shop in the amounts of \$2,327.27 and \$706.21. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve estimated cost to repair #4 Freightliner in First Road District shop at cost of \$712.36 by Miller AC Repair. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase hydraulic oil for Second Road District shop from Berwick Oil in the amount of \$3,200.00. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce presented the County Commission with Fiscal Year 2023 Kansas Department of Health and Environment Aid to Local Grants application for the following programs: COVID-19 ELC \$14,820.00; COVID-19 IAP Supplemental 3 \$3,280.00; COVID-19 IAP Supplemental 4 \$50,551.46; Immunization Action Plan \$2,776.00; Maternal & Child Health \$14,853.90; Public Health Emergency Preparedness \$12,299.00 and State Formula \$12,000.00. After review, Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve grant applications as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve attendance of the Health Department/Home Health Administrator and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at the 2022 Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Doniphan County Health Department to pay

expense of Administrator and Regional Health Grant funds to pay the expense of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce gave the Board a letter of retirement from long time Home Health Homemaker Catherine Blake effective September 29, 2022. Pierce will place an ad to fill the vacancy as a full-time position based on current census.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Personnel Policies and Procedures regarding Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) mandatory vaccination policy to comply with Federal mandate that all required staff are vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have a medical or religious exemption. Following review, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adopt the Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Personnel Policies and Procedures regarding Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) mandatory vaccination policy. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce updated the County Commission on COVID-19 cases, saying Doniphan County currently has zero cases.

Keith Olson, Doniphan County/K-State Extension and Research part-time Program Assistant for Agriculture and 4-H introduced himself to the Board of Doniphan County Commissioners.

At 9:15 A.M. the County Commission recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:20 A.M.

Charles Wilson, Petitioner, presented the County Commission with a petition to vacate and open or lay out a section of road known as 210<sup>th</sup> Road in the southwest quarter of Section 6 Township 3 Range 20E and the northwest quarter of Section 7 Township 3 Range 20E where it intersects with Elgin Road. John C. Rush, adjoining landowner, was present in agreement with petition to lay out and open new roadway in Section 7 Township 3 Range 20E. County Attorney advised of publication, notification and public hearing requirements prior to road vacation and dedication of new roadway. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins will work with the Road Department and County Clerk on publication and notification requirements prior to setting for public hearing.

Commissioner Wayne Grable made a motion to proceed with petition to vacate a portion of Kennekuk Road from 180<sup>th</sup> Spur north to 180<sup>th</sup> Road in Sections 25-26 Township 3 Range 20E, set for publication, give official notice and set for public hearing. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris notified the Board of joint meeting to be held March 14, 2022 at 9:15 A.M. between Doniphan County Commissioners and Tim Rhodd, Chairman of Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, regarding maintenance agreement for portion of 325<sup>th</sup> Road.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022.

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

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Wayne Grable, Chairman