

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 2, 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 observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Sheriff Chad Clary, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Laura Winkel were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include legal executive session with counsel. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of April 25, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve warrants for the period of April 29, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of April 2022 was presented to the County Commission on behalf of the County Clerk for review.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 3 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners thanked Gunner Kiefer for his work cleaning up the courtyard and Tennent-Baker house yard as community service project for his Confirmation class.

The Board of County Commissioners also thanked County employee Jeff Corriveau for mowing the courtyard and Tennent-Baker house yard over the weekend.

A thank you was also extended to the Troy Christian Church for serving Doniphan County employees an appreciation luncheon May 2, 2022.

Sheriff Chad Clary informed the County Commission bids are being sought to make an opening in the Law Enforcement Center building large enough to replace the hot water tank system. The Commissioners asked Sheriff Clary about relocating the hot water tank system to the basement of the Law Enforcement Center and re-routing waterlines. Sheriff Clary said he would ask Contractors about the possibility of relocating the hot water heating system.

Bids are also being sought to replace rooftop cooling units at the Law Enforcement Center to prevent humidity and moisture buildup inside the building, according to Sheriff Chad Clary.

Sheriff Clary said he is exploring the possibility of housing out-of-county inmates and asked the County Commission about a portion of the inmate rental income going back into the Sheriff's budget to offset meal costs. The County Commission said due to the Sheriff's budget being within the County General fund, any revenues brought in would be used to offset the Sheriff's budget. The Commission suggested the Sheriff track actual revenues and expenses for out-of-county inmate housing for 2023 budgeting purposes.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission the 2012 Freightliner recently repaired by Midway Ford has electrical issues. The Board of County Commissioners recommended contacting Midway Ford for on-site service technician.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with March 2022 road improvement fund balances and Road Department expenses for their review.

The Road Department reminds adjoining landowners now is the time of year to have on file with the Road Office an official acknowledgement and release form for application of dust control on county roadways. For more information please contact the Doniphan County Road Office at 785-985-3535.

A list of approved road projects in the First Road District since 2021 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris. Commissioner Hall asked the status of approved repair work on Elgin and 110th Roads after a group of concerned landowners met with the County Commission on November 22, 2021 to discuss road conditions, requesting the roadway be widened. Commissioner Collins said the First Road District is currently hauling rock, as the project is on hold pending discussion with adjoining landowners on removal of trees. Commissioner Hall stated he would not be in favor of approving additional road projects in the First Road District until current projects are completed, further offering assistance of other Road District personnel if needed.

At 9:15 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect courthouse personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Laura Winkel remained.

At 9:31 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect courthouse personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:41 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to employ Laura Winkel fulltime in the position of custodian/maintenance for the Doniphan County Courthouse at a rate of \$17.00 per hour plus benefits, subject to pre-employment screening. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Leah. B. Johnson announced the official launch of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Doniphan County. Doniphan County Library District No. 1 will administer the program, which provides a free book monthly to children from birth to age 5.

At 9:46 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess for a break, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:51 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Commission a draft letter for their review to be sent to residents and adjoining landowners of 150th Road informing them of scheduled road maintenance during the summer 2022. The County Commission were in agreement to mail the notification.

Commissioner Grable reminded adjoining landowners, including tenants, to be mindful of county road right-of-way during planting season. Doniphan County will not be responsible for any crops damaged or taken out if planted in the county road right-of-way during road maintenance.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, quoted the County Commission a price per foot for 10' road tube at a rate of \$311.18 for 12-gauge and \$395.00 for 10-gauge; price does not include bands, for consideration of replacement of concrete box culvert on Coronado Road north of Highland, Kansas in Sections 22 and 23 Township 2 Range 19E, as recommended by Husker Steel. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve engineering fees to Schwab-Eaton, PA in the amount of \$9,613.72 for RS160 Bridge replacement project on 180th Road northeast of Severance, Kansas in Section 23 Township 3 Range 19E.

Commissioner Grable asked Second Road District Foreman Sean Price to address road concerns on 205th Road west of Mesquito Creek Road, including contacting owner of stock trailer to be moved from county road right-of-way, widening of culverts and road rock.

Commissioner Grable also asked for road work to be completed on 215th Road between Oxide and Peck Roads near the Kimsey east property line in Section 2 Township 3 Range 21E, to include widening of culvert and road rock.

Commissioner Hall said he received complaints about patch work needed on Randolph Road, south of US Highway 36. Second Road District Foreman Sean Price will complete necessary patch work.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve rental of roller from Foley Equipment at a rate of \$2800.00 per month, to be used for patch work on county roadways. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to purchase safety shirts for employees of the Road Department.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission Midwest Interior Solutions cleaned the courthouse main hallway tile floor over the weekend. The Board of County Commission were in agreement to discuss condition of floor with the company prior to making payment.

At 10:04 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of confidential legal status with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:14 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman