

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 9, 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. C.B. Lackey, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Sheriff Chad Clary, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Library District No. 1 Director Rebecca Etherton, Library District No. 1 Board President Daniel Glynn and Second Harvest Community Food Bank CEO Chad Higdon were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission meeting agenda presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of May 2, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve added taxes to the 2021 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$890.22. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of April 2022 were presented to the County Commission on behalf of the Register of Deeds and Sheriff for review.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with April 2022 departmental cash and budget summary and sales tax collections in the amount of \$45,488.05.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to make a \$100 contribution to the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Chad Clary met with the County Commission to discuss options for replacement of hot water tanks inside the Law Enforcement Center Building. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to get a cost estimate for engineering services to determine feasibility of taking the west dorm out of service by converting it to a utility room and moving hot water tanks to lower level of Law Enforcement Center building.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission the Second Road District formulated a plan and began work on 205<sup>th</sup> Road, west of Mesquito Creek Road. Culverts and driveway tubes will be addressed once utilities have been located by Dig Safe.

Commissioner Grable told the Board the computer module is out of the 2012 Freightliner, a new one has been purchased at a cost of \$1,300.00 with Midway Ford to install and program.

Foreman Price said he was contacted by Murphy Tractor Representative informing of Kansas contract to purchase motor graders. Doniphan County, if interested, would need to order by December 31, 2022 to get the 10% State discount, with delivery in 2023. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Husker Steel and Norfolk Contracting will begin repair work on bridge T-431 in 4-5 weeks. The structure is located near the intersection of 140<sup>th</sup> and Castleton Roads in Sections 10 and 15 Township 4 Range 19E.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payment to Reece Construction Company for RS160 bridge replacement on 180<sup>th</sup> Road; northeast of Severance, Kansas, in Section 23 Township 3 Range 19E, in the amount of \$113,618.30. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The bridge replacement project through the Kansas Department of Transportation Local Bridge Replacement Program is a reimbursable program, whereby Doniphan County will pay the cost of the bridge replacement, with KDOT to reimburse Doniphan County in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. The total cost of the bridge replacement project is \$364,224.54, to date Doniphan County has paid Reece Construction \$291,830.38.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve invoice to Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$5,249.69 for 2,000 hour service maintenance on grader #200 at First Road District shop. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve invoice to Dave's Diesel for 2020 Peterbilt fender and bracket kit in the amount of \$1,906.99. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Commission representatives of Inevergy Grain Belt Express will meet with the Board in June 2022 to discuss Road Use Agreements for construction of the high voltage transmission line through Doniphan County.

C.B. Lackey asked the schedule for repair of concrete box culvert on Coronado Road, north of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 22 and 23 Township 2 Range 19E. Commissioner Grable said the culvert repair has not been scheduled pending further information and cost estimates from Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA.

Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris the status of removal of bridge T-831-2 on Oxide Road, south of US Highway 36, in Section 15 Township 3 Range 21E. Manager Norris said Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA are currently drafting plans and engineering agreement for Board consideration.

Chad Higdon, Chief Executive Officer with Second Harvest Community Food Bank, called on the Board of County Commissioners to discuss food distribution services offered to residents of Doniphan County through Eleanor's Pantry in Elwood, Kansas and New Life

Church in Blair, Kansas. Mr. Higdon said he is working with Representative Roger Marshall by advocating for Feeding America through crucial commodities programs.

At 9:08 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal matters with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:13 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng presented the County Commission with Doniphan County Resolution 2022-05, a Resolution rescinding and ceasing provisions of Doniphan County Resolution 2020-10, a Resolution declaring state of local disaster emergency in Doniphan County, Kansas, resulting in widespread and severe impact to the local jurisdiction during the pandemic known as COVID-19. Commissioner Grable made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2022-05. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried. Said Resolution is filed on record in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk in Resolution Book 3.

Rebecca Etherton, Doniphan County Library District No. 1 Director and Daniel Glynn, Doniphan County Library District No. 1 Board President, met with the Board of County Commissioners and Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson to discuss housing for the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. Etherton told the County Commission Doniphan County Library District No.1 has acquired the following property from Unified School District No. 114 (also known as USD #486 District 2):

Lots nine (9) through twelve (12), inclusive in Block one hundred forty-four (144) in the Original Town, now City of Elwood. Also known as the Lincoln School Building.

The Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center formerly leased space from Unified School District 114 (also known as USD #486 District 2); paying the cost of all utilities. Mrs. Etherton said the Library will continue to lease space to Doniphan County for housing of the Senior Citizens Center, however in lieu of paying all utility costs, Doniphan County would be required to pay \$200.00 monthly to offset the cost of utilities, as Doniphan County Library District No. 1 will utilize three-quarters of the space in the building, after extensive renovations are complete. Following discussion, Commissioner Hall made a motion to pay Doniphan County Library District No. 1 a fee of \$200.00 per month beginning June 1, 2022 to offset utility costs for housing of Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center at 410 N Ninth St, Elwood, Kansas. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price updated the County Commission on road work at 1731 Heartland Road in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to make temporary repairs until road work permission agreement is signed by adjoining landowner Brandon N. Smith.

Foreman Price informed the Commission the road crews will begin hard surface road patch work this week.

At 9:38 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal matters with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:58 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 9:59 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF MAY 2022.

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

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Wayne Grable, Chairman