

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 6, 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 Second Road District Foreman Sean Price observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson 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 May 31, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of May 2022 were presented for review on behalf of the Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with sales tax collections in the amount of \$57,936.16.

Commissioner Grable told the County Commission Inevergy Grain Belt Express Representative Jason Brown will meet with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss Road Use Agreement and answer Board questions on the high voltage transmission line project in July 2022.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price said the road crews are finishing patch work east of Troy and on Mesquito Creek Road then will move the patch crew to First Road District.

Commissioner Grable asked Foreman Price to fix guardrail on second bridge south of Oxide and 195th Road before it becomes a road hazard.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the Board she contacted the City of Highland asking them to cost share in repair of concrete box culvert on Coronado Road north of Highland, Kansas in Sections 22 and 23 Township 2 Range 19E. The City of Highland will hold a meeting on June 8, 2022 and discuss the request at that time.

Reece Construction has notified the Road Office, weather permitting, approach on bridge RS160 on 180th Road northeast of Severance, Kansas in Section 23 Township 3 Range 19E, will be repaired this week and be ready to open for public travel.

Manager Norris also told the County Commission Dave's Diesel has completed repairs on the 2017 Western Star truck #5 and it is ready to be picked up.

Commissioner Grable asked for County rights-of-way along 150th Road, as the Road Department begins making plans to open ditches and build up the road. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said there is an 80' right-of-way from Port William Road west to Last Chance Road and a 40' right-of-way from Last Chance Road west to Kansas Highway 7.

Commissioner Collins asked Second Road District Foreman Sean Price the status of tube replacement on Heartland Road in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E. Foreman Price said he would be in charge of the project and is making arrangements to begin.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion in regard to replacing the courthouse lawn mower. Commissioner Grable will get cost estimates.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson announced Omya, a leading global producer of industrial minerals and worldwide distributor of specialty ingredients, has reached an agreement to acquire MK Minerals, a privately held American specialty fertilizers producer headquartered in Wathena, Kansas.

The annual Doniphan County Chamber of Commerce business appreciation breakfast will be held Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Highland Community College.

Leah B. Johnson, Economic Development Director, presented the County Commission with DC Development housing marketing proposal she created. She stated she has been working with the DC Development Board of Directors and Kansas Department of Commerce to strategize how to best market the DC Development property for much needed housing. The marketing proposal will be sent to developers both inside and outside of Kansas. The Kansas Department of Commerce, recognizing a need for housing within the State, has several funding opportunities available for investors and developers; recommending economic development offices, as a neutral third party, send out the housing marketing plan. And DC Development Board and its attorney send out the separate request for proposal legal packet. Director Johnson said Attorney Alan Boeh and Attorney David Fenley developed the legal packet based on a typical farm sale, which will be given to interested developers following e-mailing of the initial housing marketing packet. Commissioner Collins said he was excited to pitch the housing marketing plan, as there is a lot of room for development on the property owned by DC Development.

Commissioner Hall asked Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson the process for attracting Dollar General to Doniphan County. Following response, Commissioner Hall asked Director Johnson to work to secure a Sonic restaurant somewhere along the US Highway 36 corridor.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to pay Midwest Interior Solutions for initial cleaning of courthouse hallway floor in the amount of \$1,341.00, as bid. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman