

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 1, 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, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manger Lindsay Norris, Bill Rush, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Rainbow Communications Representatives Angie Kreider and Julie Bergman were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include executive session for non-elect personnel matters. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

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

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

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson reviewed bid specifications for purchase of Transportation department tires. Bids were presented as follows:

Berwick Oil	Mastercraft	\$145.00 each
Neumann Services	Firestone	\$186.49 each
	Firestone	\$182.64 each
	Yokahoma	\$161.08 each

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the best bid of Neumann Services for the purchase of four 4-ply Yokahoma tires at a cost of \$161.08 each. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of sales tax collections in the amount of \$54,523.21.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to decline budget request to 3Rivers Inc. organization. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept bid of Bob Rahe Construction for replacement of east courthouse parking lot in the amount of \$61,865.00, with payment to be made from New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris updated the Board of County Commissioners on the Local Road Safety Plan workshop hosted by Doniphan County. The Local Road Safety Plan workshop is a requirement to receive grant funding through Kansas Department of Revenue High Risk Rural Roads program. Kansas Department of Transportation will review and compile an assessment of Doniphan County's major collector routes to determine high risk areas. Chairman Grable commended and thanked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Emergency Management Director Julie Meng for hosting and representing Doniphan County well at the Local Road Safety Plan workshop.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve Rainbow Communications request and petition for buried cable to property located on 175<sup>th</sup> and Scranton Roads .50 mile north to cell phone tower. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable discussed with the Board an issue with exposed telephone cable throughout Doniphan County. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will reach out to Centurylink to address the issue.

Commissioner Grable extended a thank you to the Road Department on behalf of Melvin Sharp and Michael Foley for clearing ditches and rocking roads along their properties.

An engineer's assessment from Schwab-Eaton, PA for concrete box culvert located on Coronado Road, north of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E was discussed by the Board of County Commissioner and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris. Norris told the County Board according to the Engineer's report the structure shows no visible signs of cracking, the culvert can be extended without a need to tear it out and replace with a new structure.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve repair to dozer in First Road District by Ellis McGuire in the amount of \$1,825.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bill Rush met with the County Commission to discuss purchase of delinquent property within the city limits of Severance, Kansas. Commissioner Grable told Mr. Rush the County Commission would talk to County Attorney Charles D. Baskins about the procedure for holding a tax foreclosure sale.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Bill Rush repairing two clocks in the District Court. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

C.B. Lackey thanked County Attorney Charles D. Baskins for moving forward with sale of delinquent properties within the City of Highland.

At 9:13 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect road personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:18 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reassign Road Employee Daniel Whetstine to the Third Road District from the Second Road District. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:22 A.M. Commissioner Grable 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 9:27 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, along with Rainbow Communications Representatives Angie Kreider and Julie Bergman, met with the County Commission to discuss broadband grant initiative opportunities for expansion of countywide internet service. The State of Kansas has made available \$83.5M in grant funding for Kansas Capital Project Fund grants, also known as End Point grant, for applicants across the State. Economic Development Director Johnson said Doniphan County would like to apply for the Kansas Capital Project Fund grant, in partnership with Rainbow Communications and Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. The purpose of the grant is to bring high speed internet into homes across Kansas. As part of the grant application, due August 19, 2022, Doniphan County residents are asked to complete a speed test and survey found on the Doniphan County website at [www.dpcountyks.com](http://www.dpcountyks.com) and/or submit a written testimonial to Doniphan County on the importance of high speed internet. Particularly the affects not having high speed internet caused during COVID for individuals with distance learning, working from home and for those who are not able to utilize life alert or security systems due to slow or lack of internet service. Individuals without internet service will complete the survey by marking “no internet” from their cellular phones or by contacting Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson at 785-985-2235. Speed tests and surveys should be completed by August 15, 2022 for this grant process, although the test will continue to stay open for future grant applications.

At 9:54 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of concealing proprietary information, 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 the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Economic Development Director and Rainbow Communications Representatives remained.

At 10:14 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to extend the previous executive session for the purpose of concealing proprietary information, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:34 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Economic Development Director and Rainbow Communications Representatives remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to commit Doniphan County's \$1.4M in America Rescue Plan funds to broadband expansion along the US Highway 36 corridor from east Troy city limits to west Wathena city limits. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to submit grant application, in partnership with Rainbow Communications, as sub-grantee of infrastructure and Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, to the State of Kansas for Kansas Capital Project Fund (End Point grant) for high speed internet service. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement with Grey Snow Professional Services for consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for broadband grant applications, with payment to be made from Economic Development fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve implementation of public survey and speed test collection data on county website at [www.dpcountyks.com](http://www.dpcountyks.com). Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the bid of Tip Top Tree Service for trimming of trees and removal of brush along Elgin Road from 110<sup>th</sup> Road to Atchison County line. Motion died for lack of second.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion regarding removal of trees and debris in County right-of-way along Elgin Road from 110<sup>th</sup> Road to Atchison County line. Commissioners Grable and Hall expressed the need for trees to be completely removed and treated so they don't grow back thus preventing future obstruction of the roadway. Commissioner Collins said adjoining landowners would prefer the County trim trees and not remove completely. Commissioner Collins stated once the line of sight has been fixed by trimming of trees, the Road Department will work on extension of culvert. The Board took no action.

At 11:02 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relative to attorney-client privilege with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 11:07 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 11:11 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

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

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Wayne Grable, Chairman