

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 17, 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 absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Foley Equipment Representative Kevin Bell and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of October 11, 2022 as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 7 local inmates.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Board First District Road Crew began tube replacement and straightening of Heartland Road in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E this morning.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to execute engagement letter for 2022 auditing services with Gordon CPA in an amount not to exceed \$15,030.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to enter into annual lease agreement between City of Troy, as lessor and Doniphan County, Kansas, as lessee to rent space located at Troy City Hall, commonly known as Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve replacement of courthouse computer server firewall by LockIt Technologies in the amount of \$1,670.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion regarding historical reproduction cost insurance coverage for the courthouse building versus standard replacement cost. Commissioner Grable made a motion to elect historic reproduction cost insurance at an additional premium of \$13,300.00, stating the County should do all they can to replace the courthouse building to its original historic construction. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Collins voted no due to replacing the courthouse with an energy efficient building in the event of a catastrophic event. Motion carried 2-1.

Kevin Bell, Foley Equipment Representative, met with the Board of County Commissioners, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to discuss rent to own options for 2013 DN6 166 horsepower bulldozer. Mr. Bell will put together solid cost proposal for the Board of County Commissioners consideration and follow up with the Board at their October 24, 2022 meeting.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission the Road Department received shipment of road tube inventory from Metal Culverts on Friday, October 14, 2022.

Foreman Price informed the County Commission rebuilding of 150th Road from Port William Road to K-7 Highway is nearing completion with a couple of entrance tubes needing to be installed and the road bladed in a few areas prior to applying finishing rock. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will notify Bright Speed, formerly known as Centurylink, to permanently set phone and internet line. Commissioner Hall asked Manager Norris to see if Bright Speed would mark the line above ground to try to prevent from being hit again by the Road Crew while maintaining the road. Commissioner Grable thanked Third District Commissioner Bobby Hall and Third District Road Crew for their assistance on rebuilding of 150th Road, saying the Second Road District would not have gotten the project done timely without their help.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price asked the County Commission, on behalf of Kenneth Smith, to erect a “Trucks Entering” or “Intersection” road sign on 150th Road to warn motorists of trucks entering the roadway. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will contact Road Employee Dennis Snyder to have signage installed.

Road Office Manger Lindsay Norris contacted Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. regarding hump in asphalt on 165th Road, near the 2400 block. A representative with Herzog stated the hump is raised enough if milled would need to be patched quickly, in addition winter weather could create a dip in the roadway. The Board of County Commissioners asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to erect a “Bump Ahead” sign to warn motorists until after the spring thaw when a cost estimate can be obtained to fix.

A list of road projects between October 2021 and October 2022 where it was necessary to use a bulldozer, along with labor costs, was presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris per their request. The Commission requested the information in order to hold discussion on the purchase of a bulldozer versus contracting out projects. Norris showed of the eight projects equipment hours amounted to \$12,694.85 and labor \$3,124.95, not including fuel costs. In addition, Manager Norris contacted area contractors who stated they would be willing to assist Doniphan County with dozer work on projects or bid to complete the entire project.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, requested all road rock, including stockpiled rock, be hauled by November 30, 2022 in order for all monies to be paid out and budgets balanced prior to December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the following Road Department expenditures: Ellis McGuire \$2,958.12 (#97 dozer repair), Murphy Tractor \$598.28 (2017 John Deere Grader) and Midwest Concrete \$2,322.00 (Oxide Rd low water crossing). Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson presented the County Commission with a letter of support for the Kansas Department of Commerce Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) grant on behalf of Dr. Deb Bryan's application for the Kelley General Store in White Cloud, Kansas. And letters of support for the Kansas Historical Society Heritage Trust Fund grant on behalf of Corey and Katherine Kostman for the Sol Miller building (former location of The Kansas Chief and Simpson's Hardware) in Troy, Kansas and Doniphan County Library District No. 1 for Lincoln School Building located in Elwood, Kansas, housing the Elwood library branch and Doniphan County Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center. Following review, Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and execute all three grant letters of support as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of request from the Adventure Cycling Association designating a portion of Doniphan County roadways on the US Bicycle Route 50. The project is part of a national effort to expand the US Bicycle Route system and is being led by the Kansas Department of Transportation and Adventure Cycling Association. The proposed route in Doniphan County leaves Atchison County north on K-7 Highway, to 180th Spur, 180th Road, Last Chance Road, 195th Road, 195th Access Road to K-7 Highway north to Nebraska State line. The Board of County Commissioners voiced concerns with the bicycle route along K-7 Highway north of Atchison, Kansas, due to narrow roadway and no shoulders. County Clerk Peggy Franken will contact the Adventure Cycling Association with Board concerns.

At 9:22 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect road department personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:27 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman