

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 21, 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, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Appraiser Danielle Kiefer 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 amended to include executive sessions relative to non-elect personnel and legal with counsel. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of November 15, 2022 general election canvass and regular meeting as written. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 6 local inmates.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to contract with Richard Simmons, Troy, Kansas, to assist Doniphan County with snow removal at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held in regard to future meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners will not hold a regular meeting on December 27, 2022 or January 3, 2023 but will meet in session on December 30, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. for the purpose of conducting county business and approval of year end payroll and warrants.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve repair to #133 belly dump trailer by Bolin Hydraulic in the total amount of \$1,888.62. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with Heartland Road (Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E) work order, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners November 15, 2022. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to install 60' tube at 1731 Heartland Road. The Board previously agreed to a 30' tube, however on recommendation of First Road District Deputy Foreman Tom Miller it was agreed to extend the tube to 60'. Rip rap has been hauled in ditch at corner

post of 1707 Heartland Road north property line. The additional cost of the tube and rip rap will be paid from the Road and Bridge fund.

Road Office Manager Norris also presented the County Commission with engineer recommendations for repair of the following bridge structures for their review:

- Bridge T-538-1 located on Oxide Road north of 215th Road in Section 35 Township 2 Range 21E. Observation: southwest wing wall leaning otherwise bridge looks structurally sound. County could remove structure from inventory and replace with tube.
- Bridge T-538-2 located on Oxide Road north of 215th Road in Section 35 Township 2 Range 21E. Observation: two piers completely rotted. Recommendation: close bridge structure to all travel. Schwab-Eaton, PA will make recommendation on size of tube needed to drain 756 acres.
- T-723-1 located on 235th Road west of Peck Road Section 26 Township 2 Range 21E. Steel beam span with severe sinkhole at the southwest corner and east deck plank needs replaced. Recommended repairing existing structure.
- T-831-2 located on Oxide Road south of US Highway 36 in Section 14 Township 3 Range 21E. Observation: each section of the structure has shifted which is of concern. Recommendations: 1) replace structure 2) remove structure and build up roadway 3) barricade and post for light traffic only.

Commissioner Grable asked the status of removing a bridge from Doniphan County inventory and using as a sacrifice bridge to secure additional bridge repair/replacement funding through the Kansas Department of Transportation. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said removal of bridge structures for “sacrificing” purposes should be done in closer proximity to applying for funds through the Kansas Department of Transportation to repair or replace other county structures.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve invoice to Luedke Excavating for Doniphan County 4-H Pond tube replacement in the amount of \$1,114.40. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, told the County Commission Kevin Bell, representative with Foley Equipment, has viewed and will put together trade value estimates for the Road Department’s Caterpillar and Fiat Allis bulldozers for the Boards consideration.

Commissioner Collins asked if the County has received any information from the City of Highland in regard to cost share for culvert repair on Coronado Road, north of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E. Norris said she reached out to the City of Highland whose Attorney is preparing a letter for the Doniphan County Commission regarding the matter.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson extended to the Board of County Commissioners an invitation to the annual Doniphan County Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer on December 2, 2022 at The Wildflower 926 Kansas Highway 7, Troy, Kansas from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. The event will be held in conjunction with the Doniphan County Community Foundation Give Where You Live Day event, an annual day of giving set as an avenue for community members to give back to local non-profits who do so much to enhance the way of life in Doniphan County.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster informed the County Commission the annual employee appreciation dinner, hosted by the Doniphan County Commissioners, will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Community of Christ Church, Fanning, Kansas.

At 8:59 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Appraisal personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:09 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained. Appraiser entered the meeting at 9:07 A.M.

At 9:09 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Appraisal personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Appraiser left the meeting at 9:17 A.M. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of attorney client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:49 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on the sale of County owned property. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman