

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 12, 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 and Aging Director Diana Crouse-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 Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of December 5, 2022 regular meeting as amended changing Kansas Department of Transportation to Kansas Department of Revenue in reference to teleconference regarding 2021 ratio study standards. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of December 15, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve abated taxes in the amount of \$978.58 to the 2022 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of November 2022 were presented to the County Commission on behalf of the Sheriff for Board review.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 5 local inmates.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage license for Weiland's Grocery, 210 Commercial St. Bendena, Kansas, in original and unopened containers, not for consumption on premises. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with the November 2022 departmental cash and budget summary report for their review.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented the County Commission with a proposal to replace the 2015 Ford Transit Connect Meals on Wheels van with a 2021 Ford Transit 250 base cargo van at a cost of \$43,000.00, with \$14,511.00 State Fiscal Recovery Funds for Senior Nutrition Program and trade-in of the 2015 Ford Transit Connect van to be used to offset the purchase price. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending known trade value of 2015 Ford Transit Connect van.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to set the reimbursable rate to the Kitchen Department for meals by the Aging Program at \$7.00 per meal and increase cost for patrons under 60 years of age to \$5.00 per meal. The suggested donation for patrons 60+ years of age will also increase to \$5.00 per meal beginning January 1, 2023.

Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Crouse-Johnson presented the County Commission with a by month count of home delivery and on-site meals served, said report shows a loss each month with the exception of May 2022.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission bid letting was held November 16, 2022 for replacement of bridge T831-1 located east of Troy, Kansas on 195th Road in Section 15 Township 3 Range 21E. There were no bids received for the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Replacement project due to lack of work force and scheduling issues. A new bid letting will be held in February 2023.

Manager Norris also told the County Commissioners Doniphan County's application for Federal Exchange Funds has been approved by the Kansas Department of Transportation, with proceeds in the amount of \$69,782.48 to be received within the coming weeks.

Commissioner Hall asked for future discussion on amending Resolution 2014-11, a Resolution pertaining to hard surfaced roadways in Doniphan County, Kansas.

Commissioner Grable asked the status of hauling and purchasing of rock for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Collins said he has a road that needs to be rocked in order to get residents out during inclement weather. Commissioner Grable reminded the Board of the Commissioners decision to stop hauling and purchasing rock as of November 30, 2022 in order to pay outstanding rock balances in 2022. Further, Commissioner Grable stated decisions made by the Board of County Commissioners should be followed and not something different done outside the County Commission meetings. Commissioner Hall made a motion to end all rock purchases and hauling until January 1, 2023. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Commissioner Collins cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Grable asked the Road Department to make sure all "Road Closed" signs are picked up and inventoried and all old road tubes laying along county roadways be picked up and hauled off as salvage.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on replacement of the County's D175 Fiat Allis and Caterpillar D6D bulldozers. They were in consensus to ask Foley Equipment for purchase options on a D6 machine. In addition, Foreman Price was asked to make a list of unused equipment countywide for replacement options.

At 9:26 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 9:31 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:34 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:49 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk remained.

At 9:49 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:04 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk remained.

At 10:04 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:19 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk remained.

At 10:19 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:24 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to grant a cost of living pay increase to all county employees in the amount of \$1.00 per hour. Set the starting wage at \$15.00 per hour for departments below the amount and increase all other starting wages \$1.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to grant an additional \$1.00 per hour pay increase to Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and County Attorney Secretary Celeste Etherton, effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to increase the wage of Deputy First District Road Foreman Tom Miller an additional \$1.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to increase mileage reimbursement for County Commissioners to \$250.00 per month, effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to set the salary of the County Election Officer at \$600.00 per month, effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman