

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 30, 2023

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. Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Keenage Senior Citizens Site Director Mary Kay Nold and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve meeting agenda as amended to include executive sessions for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of January 23, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 31, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 8 local inmates.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris presented the County Commission with the 2022 annual Noxious Weed eradication progress report and 2023 annual Noxious Weed management plan for review and approval. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the 2022 annual Noxious Weed eradication progress report and 2023 annual Noxious Weed management plan as submitted. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Norris informed the County Commission of upcoming Noxious Weed annual certification classes he plans to attend.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to rent a chipper, used for brush control, from Foley Equipment for a 30-day period beginning February 2, 2023 at a cost of \$3,105.90. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with an inventory listing of tires in stock at the Road District shops and a list of tires needed to replenish inventory. Commissioner Grable offered to prepare tire bid specifications for Board approval prior to publishing for bid. Commissioner Hall suggested each Road District keep an inventory of tires on hand and record when used on what type of equipment, with the inventory listing to be given to the Road Office Manager as tires are used in order to re-stock inventory. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement with creating tire inventory sheets to be turned in as tires are used to the Road Office Manager.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Road Department expenses to Pierce Heating and Cooling \$684.00 (1st District Shop gas valve) and Bolin Hydraulic \$1,162.82 (3rd Road District 55 gallon drum pump). Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manger Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission she is receiving and charting a list of road concerns to be relayed to Road Foremen and County Commissioners.

Commissioner Grable told Second Road District Foreman Sean Price of road concerns that need attention on 130th Road and Monument Road. Foreman Price and Commissioner Grable will view together.

County Clerk Peggy Franken said Jed Johnson contacted her office to set up a road viewing with the County Commissioners on 195th Road to discuss road maintenance on the First and Second Road District boundary line. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to meet with adjoining landowners for road viewing on 195th Road during the County Commission meeting on February 6, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

At 8:50 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of Road Department personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Road Office Manager and Second Road District Foreman remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to appoint Second Road District Foreman Sean Price representative of the Road District Foremen, who will attend County Commission meetings to discuss road issues and concerns. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson requested permission to dispose of upright pianos located at the Highland Senior Citizens Center and Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center. The Board of County Commissioners made no objection to disposing of upright pianos located at Senior Citizens Centers that are no longer used nor in proper working order.

At 9:06 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Aging Department personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:21 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Aging Director and Keenage Senior Citizens Center Site Director remained.

At 9:18 A.M. Keenage Senior Citizens Center Site Director left the meeting.

At 9:21 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Aging Department personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:31 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Aging Director remained.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve paying provider enrollment Medicare application fee in the amount of \$688.00, as requested by Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:37 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 in the Health Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:47 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Health Department/Home Health Administrator remained.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break at 9:50 A.M. with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:55 A.M.

Discussion was held in regards to the Doniphan County procurement policy relative to hiring contract labor and bidding out projects. The current policy states in part expenditure authority for Appointed Officials of \$500.00 and \$1,500.00 for County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners took no action on amending the procurement policy at this time.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to hire a contractor to perform dozer work for a road project at a rate of \$215.00 per hour, not to exceed 16 hours. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners requests Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris prepare a letter to be sent to contractors within Doniphan County asking their interest in being placed on project rotation list when dozer work is needed at a rate of \$215.00 per hour.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission a pre-bid project walk-thru will be held at the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. for relocation of hot water heating system.

Clerk Franken also requested on behalf of Doniphan County Pet Rescue a letter of support for property tax exempt status to be sent along with their application to the State Board of Tax Appeals. Commissioner Collins made a motion to issue a letter of support for property tax exempt status on behalf of Doniphan County Pet Rescue's application to the Board of Tax Appeals. Motion died for lack of second due to not setting precedence for future non-profit business applications within Doniphan County. Motion failed 1-2.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to grant Kitchen Director Jamie Hendrix authority to use two weeks unused vacation from 2022 in the first Quarter 2023 due to timing of accrual. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable asked the County Commissioners to review Grain Belt Express high transmission line Road Use Agreement for discussion within the coming weeks.

Commissioner Hall announced the County Commission is aware and working on issues with the Meals on Wheels menu.

At 11:13 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Kitchen personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 11:18 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 Grable made a motion to adjourn at 11:22 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman