

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 13, 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. County Treasurer Nicole Diveley, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Appraiser Danielle Kiefer, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of March 6, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of March 15, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2022 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$807.36. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

County Treasurer Nicole Diveley informed the County Commission of the resignation of office employee Jessica Herrera effective February 27, 2023. And the employment on a fulltime basis of employees Cyndi Smith effective March 9, 2023 and Teresa Ridout effective March 27, 2023.

Treasurer Diveley has named Kimberly Smith Doniphan County Deputy Treasurer effective March 13, 2023.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price informed the County Commission decking on bridge structure T-148-1 located on 210th and Toulon Roads in Section 10 Township 3 Range 22E has been completed and the roadway opened to thru traffic.

Commissioner Grable, on behalf of resident Randy Rosenberger, extended a thank you to the Road Department for work on 150th Road near the bridge and clearing out of drainage tube.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA, will draft repair plan recommendations for two bridge structures noted on the Kansas Department of Transportation bi-annual bridge inspection report, for their consideration:

T-35-2 located on 180th Road west of Severance, Kansas

T-228-2 located on Larkinburg Road south of 150th Road, Wayne Township

Email correspondence was presented by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Kevin Bell, Foley Equipment Representative, regarding purchase of 2023 Caterpillar 926M wheel loader, including trade value for Doniphan County 1978 Caterpillar D6D bull dozer (#40) and 2005 Case 521D wheel loader (#82). Following discussion, Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase 2023 Caterpillar 926M wheel loader from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$213,607.00 to include 12-month standard warranty with unlimited hours and 84 month 3500 hour premier warranty with 35 miles of round trip travel. Taking no action on trade of County equipment due to sealed bids being sought for sale of equipment. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Commissioner Collins cast a no vote citing the high cost and need for additional equipment. Motion carried 2-1.

The Board of County Commissioners and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris discussed the purchase of petro matting to be used on County roadways. Norris will contact Jack Horner Supply about availability.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the following Road Department expenses as presented: Bendena Ag for purchase of brome seed \$803.00 and Wausau \$939.08 for the purchase of cutting edge blades for International snow plow. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Appraiser Danielle Kiefer presented the Board of County Commissioners with Real Property Tax Relief application pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1613 for property located at 206 N P Street, White Cloud, Kansas, which sustained a total loss due to fire on January 31, 2023. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending amendment of application to represent 2023 tax year instead of 2022.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve attendance of Appraiser Danielle Kiefer to the annual Kansas County Appraiser's Association conference June 4-7, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:22 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 9:32 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Aging Director, County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 9:33 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:38 A.M.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce presented the Board of County Commissioners with Fiscal Year 2024 Kansas Department of Health and Environment grants for Immunization Action Plan \$2,766.00; Maternal & Child Health \$16,898.14; Public Health Emergency Preparedness \$12,165.00 and State Formula \$9,928.00. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve Kansas Department of Health and Environment Fiscal Year 2024 grant applications as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Administrator Pierce told the County Commission the Kansas Department of Health and Environment performed a Medicare survey on the Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency February 24, 2023. Pierce stated no deficiencies were found and the surveyor complimented the entire team for doing such a good job. The last Medicare survey was performed 5 years ago.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion with Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce regarding additional electrical work performed at the Doniphan County Health Department building located at 201 S. Main Street, Troy, Kansas, by G. E. Grable in an amount of \$1,095.33 above approved bid amount, without prior Board consent. The Board reiterated County policy that any expense over \$500.00 must be pre-approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the additional electrical cost of \$1,095.33 and pay the expense from the New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable cast a no vote due to Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce not getting prior approval for the expense, saying the cost should be charged to the Health Department budget. Motion carried 2-1.

County Attorney Charles D. Baskins presented the County Commission with a petition for vacation of County roads pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102 described as follows:

- a. That part of Kennekuk Road beginning on the North line of 180th Spur thence North to the South line of 180th Road
- b. That part of Kennekuk Road lying in the North half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25 Township 3 Range 20E and the North half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26 Township 3 Range 20E, beginning 500 feet South of the North line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25 and the North line of Southeast Quarter Section 26, continuing South to a point 150 feet North of the South line of the North half of the Southwest Quarter of Sections 25 and 26

Commissioner Grable made a motion to proceed with vacation of portions of Kennekuk Road, pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102 and set for public hearing. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable asked for Board of County Commissioners consideration in Second Road District chip sealing 4.0 miles of roadway in 2023 and placement of 3” asphalt overlayment on Mesquito Creek Road (on 2023 chip seal schedule) in lieu of chip sealing 11.1 miles in the Second Road District. Additionally, Commissioner Grable asked Commissioner Hall to forego asphaltting 3.8 miles of Treece Road in 2023, with the Third Road District to chip seal 3.0 miles of roadway currently on the schedule. In 2024, Third Road District would overlay a road of their choice with asphalt as long as the road is already chip sealed. Commissioner Collins was asked to re-evaluate chip seal versus asphalt road plans in the First Road District. Commissioner Collins previously asked for a quote from Herzog Contracting Corporation to place 3” asphalt overlay on 5.75 miles of Coronado Road north of box culvert on Coronado Road and Colorado Street in Highland, Kansas to Kansas Highway 7. Vance Brothers had been requested to submit for Board consideration the cost to chip seal 10.5 miles in the First Road District, 11.10 miles in the Second Road District and 3.0 miles in the Third Road District. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending information from Vance Brothers on the cost of reducing the number of miles to be chip sealed for their consideration.

Commissioner Hall publically recognized and congratulated USD 111 Doniphan West High School women’s basketball team on their Class 1A D1 State Championship and USD 114 Riverside women’s basketball team on their 2A second place finish in the State tournament. Commissioners Collins and Grable shared in Commissioner Hall’s recognition of USD 111 and USD 114 women’s basketball teams’ successes.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman