

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 10, 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. Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris 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 minutes of April 3, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of April 14, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Hall 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 \$666.68. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson announced the resignation of Wathena Keen-Age Senior Citizens Site Director Kathleen Smith effective April 7, 2023. Director Johnson has begun the employment advertisement process to fill the vacancy.

Johnson also told the County Commission the number of home delivered meals in the city of Elwood has declined, volunteers will be used to deliver meals for the Elwood area instead of contracting with Doniphan County Services and Workskills for the time being.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to seeking bids to install new ceiling tiles at the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center.

At 8:37 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Aging Department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan

County Commission at 8:42 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Aging Director and County Clerk remained.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission dust control applications on county roadways by private citizens has begun. She asks anyone applying dust control to contact the Road Office to be placed on a road maintenance list and sign a waiver.

Correspondence was presented to the County Commissioners by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris regarding Kansas Department of Transportation bridge programs. Local Bridge Improvement Plan for 2024, a matching grants program based on population density. And Off-System Bridge Program for Fiscal Year 2025, a reimbursable program of up to \$200,000.00. Norris told the County Commissioners the standards have changed for matching grant and reimbursable funds, asking them to read over each program carefully. Deadline to apply for either Local Bridge Improvement Plan or Off-System Bridge Program is May 26, 2023.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris stated some bridge structures will need attention following the bi-annual bridge inspection. Commissioner Collins said repairs to several bridges in the First Road District will need to be contracted out.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve final invoices for culvert repair on 175th Road Section 30 Township 3 Range 21E Husker Steel \$71,575.00; Norfolk Contracting \$38,924.00 and Payless Concrete \$2,708.16. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of road signs from National Sign Company in the amount of \$2,423.90 plus shipping. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall stated road equipment should be shared and used by all Districts and not kept in the Second Road District.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on budgeting expenses in the Road and Bridge and News Sales Tax funds and the high cost of asphalt overlay. Commissioner Grable made a motion to rescind his motion from March 20, 2023 to asphalt 2 miles of Dove Creek Road from Kansas Highway 7 to the intersection of 275th and Denmark Road with 3" overlayment and chip seal 4.10 miles of roadway all within the First Road District. Asphalt 4.10 miles of Mesquito Creek Road with 3" overlayment and chip seal 4.0 miles of roadway all within the Second Road District. Chip seal 3.0 miles of roadway in Third Road District; in the year 2023. And, grant Third Road District authority to asphalt up to 4.0 miles of already hard surfaced roads with 3" overlayment in the year 2024, with Third Road District also participating in chip seal road schedule for 2024. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion to rescind. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable told the County Commission in lieu of asphaltting 4.10 miles of Mesquito Creek Road, the road will be chip sealed as originally scheduled in 2023. Commissioners Collins and Hall will also view additional roads in the each District to chip seal in lieu of asphalt overlay.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with March 2023 department cash and budget summary report for their review.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve 2023 support payment for Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation in the amount of \$8,500.00, with payment made from Economic Development fund. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to pay advertisement expenses for Economic Development Director in the amount of \$920.00 to NPG Newspapers. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:54 A.M. Commissioner Hall 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 10:04 A.M. Commissioner Grable 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 10:06 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman