

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 24, 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, Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Jim Horner were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve meeting agenda as amended to include discussion of culvert repair on Coronado Road north of Highland City limits. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of April 17, 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 April 28, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of March 2023 was presented to the County Commission for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

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

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson told the County Commission Kansas Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2024 funding request was not approved in full for the Doniphan County Transportation program. Federal Operating funds were cut by \$7,812.50 and State Operating funds by \$3,125.00. No Capital funding will be received for the purchase of a new van in 2024.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Rebecque Turner to serve as Wathena Keen-age Senior Citizens Center Site Director on a part-time basis, effective April 27, 2023, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, subject to pre-employment screening. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Crouse-Johnson informed the County Commission of waterline break at the Highland Senior Citizens Center building located at 102 N. Kirkwood St. Highland, Kansas. Repair bids were solicited and presented as follows:

Engemann Drainage Company, Inc. \$1,598.56 (Replace entire line from meter to building)

Fuse It Welding (Kyle Heinrich) \$1,000.00 (Repair existing line)

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the best bid of Engemann Drainage Company, Inc. to replace the entire water line from meter to building at a cost of \$1,598.56. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve replacement of raven flow control meter on noxious weed chemical tank at a cost of \$650.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris made the County Commission aware the 2024 Noxious Weed budget would allow for replacement of older tank and spray pump.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commissioners Vance Brothers intends to begin chip seal projects around the end of May 2023, weather permitting. A mid-August 2023 re-schedule date has been set if inclement weather delays the May 2023 date.

Foley Equipment rental agreement for double drum roller to be used for road patch work was presented to the County Commissioners by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris based on the following options: daily rate \$546.00, weekly rate \$1,301.00 and monthly rate \$2,386.00. Following discussion with Road Foremen Representative Sean Price, Commissioner Hall made a motion to enter into rental agreement with Foley Equipment for double drum roller at a monthly rate of \$2,386.00 effective May 1, 2023. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price told the County Commission prior to patching a portion of 195th Road east of Troy, Kansas, in Section 16 Township 3 Range 21E, would need to be torn out and rebuilt due to spring under the road.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase 24-month/500 hour (whichever comes first) power train and hydraulic extended protection plan from Foley Equipment for 2013 Caterpillar backhoe housed in the Third Road District at a cost of \$1,125.00 plus travel charge of \$238.00 per hour unless equipment delivered to Foley Equipment. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of 185.7 ton of rock for Tioga Road in the amount of \$2,321.25. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to replace 6 tires in the Road Department inventory, with purchase to be made through Neumann Services per previous bid specifications. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price addressed road concerns along Monument Road between the old town of Doniphan and Atchison County line. Foreman Price said the road needs to be built up and rocked to allow proper drainage. Commissioner Grable suggested cleaning out drainage ditches, pulling in the sides to build up the center of the roadway, followed with re-seeding road banks.

Foreman Price told the County Commission Service Quarries does not yet have 2" crushed rock to complete road project on 195th Road in Section 15 Township 3 Range 20E. He also informed the County Board the Road Crew will begin tube replacements on 175th Road in Section 28, Township 3 Range 21E and Larkinburg Road in Section 1 Township 3 Range 20E.

County Clerk Peggy Franken inquired about Doniphan County, in conjunction with Northeast Kansas Environmental Services, Doniphan County Road Department and The Tire Cutters, holding a tire collection for Doniphan County residents June 3, 2023. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve hosting tire collection on June 3, 2023 at the Second District Road Shop located at 302 W Robertson Street, Troy, Kansas, from the hours of 7:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. with Doniphan County to cover the cost of the first 10 passenger tires from the Solid Waste Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of notice from Waste Management, doing business as Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc., giving notice not to renew Extension Agreement with Doniphan County, Kansas, for operations of Doniphan County Transfer Station effective October 31, 2024. County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission she arranged for Mike Hey, Area Manager of Disposal Operations for Waste Management, and Northeast Kansas Environmental Services Office Manager Martha Smith to meet with the County Commissioners at their regular meeting on May 1, 2023 to discuss future operations of the Doniphan County Transfer Station/landfill.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to make payment to Northeast Kansas Environmental Services in the amount of \$10,000.00 for 2023 annual support with payment to be made from County General fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence was received from Doniphan County Planning & Zoning Department regarding zoning hearing to be held May 10, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. on behalf of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. for the purpose of changing zoning from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Conditional Use for the construction of Evergy electrical substation at 1027 Sheridan Road, Wathena, Kansas.

At 9:23 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:28 A.M.

Jim Horner met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss lease agreement for a portion of County property located in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E described as .94 acres in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22 on the east side of County road known as Heartland Road, more commonly known as County owned property directly east of 1731 Heartland Road, Highland, Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending Mr. Horner, Foreman Sean Price and adjoining landowner Samuel Smith marking the fence line east of Doniphan Electric utility poles and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins drafting terms of lease agreement.

Commissioner Collins asked the Board of County Commissioners to address culvert repair on Coronado Road, north of Highland City limits, in Section 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E. Following discussion, Commissioner Hall made a motion to contract with Engineering firm Schwab-Eaton PA to formulate repair plan and determine project cost estimate to repair culvert on Coronado Road in Section 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E, with Commissioner Collins to contact adjoining landowners regarding dam repair upstream. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:24 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman