

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 20, 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. Custodian Laura Winkel, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Foremen Representative 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 June 12, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 17 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of thank you note from residents of Elgin and 110th Road thanking the Board of County Commission for road improvements on Elgin Road.

Custodian Laura Winkel discussed with the Board of County Commissioners options for repairing squirrel damage on Tall Oak Indian monument on the south courtyard lawn. The Board of County Commissioners recommended determining the interior condition of the Tall Oak monument and if repairable, research additional resources to perform repair work.

Also discussed between the County Commission and Custodian was replacement of the 2008 Ford pick-up and 2010 Town and Country van used by County departments. The Board was agreeable to seeking replacement options for both vehicles.

Laura Winkel, Custodian, thanked Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris and Law Enforcement Center Maintenance Supervisor Dennis McKittrick for all their assistance and help at the courthouse, saying they help her out a lot.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into a contract with Dietician LuAnn Soliah to review monthly Meals on Wheels menus to ensure they comply with federal and state guidelines. Email approved monthly menus to Kitchen Director. Review meal substitutions on a monthly basis and provide feedback regarding appropriate

substitutions. And provide a completed Kansas Menu Approval Sheet to Doniphan County Council on Aging at a rate of \$100.00 per month. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners gave approval for Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson to advertise to fill vacant transportation driver position and seek bids for replacement lighting at Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson invited the Board of Commissioners to open house at the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center and Elwood Library Friday, June 23, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission final invoice from Vance Brothers for 2023 chip seal projects was received in the amount of \$540,000.00.

Replacement of bridge structure T 831-1 located on 195th Road east of Troy, Kansas, in Section 16 Township 3 Range 21E commenced today, June 20, 2023. The roadway will be closed to thru traffic with only local residents having access during construction.

Road Office Manager Norris also told the County Board amendments have been made to temporary work agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and Robert L. and Audrey A. Boos for culvert replacement on Elgin Road, south of 110th Road, in the southeast quarter of Section 36 Township 4 Range 19E to include contractor marking trees to be removed and flagging construction area. Representatives of the County, adjoining landowners and contractor will view the construction area together prior to commencement of the project.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Luedke Excavating to replacement box culvert on Elgin Road, south of 110th Road, in Section 36 Township 4 Range 19E with 4'x 80' tube at a cost of \$7,740.00. Doniphan County to haul dirt and rock road at completion of project. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to implement a policy to track location and type of tubes used for inventory purposes, with the Board of County Commission to approve tube replacement projects that exceed Commission spending authority.

Commissioner Collins said the First District Road Crew will be hauling rip rap on 180th and Half Mound Road in Section 22 Township 3 Range 20E where the road is washing out as a temporary solution until a permanent fix can be made.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners a report showing Road Improvement Fund balances and Road Department expenses for the month of May 2023.

Road District Foremen Representative Sean Price told the County Commission a field entrance tube is needed on 195th Road, west of K-7 Highway, near 1071 195th Road following ditch and road work. Commissioner Grable recommended usage of a 15” x 60’ smooth plastic tube.

Foreman Price also informed the County Commission of tube replacement on 215th Road west of Larkinburg Road in Section 1 Township 3 Range 20E.

Commissioner Grable and Foreman Price said box culvert repair completed by Norfolk Contracting on 175th Road, Section 30 Township 3 Range 20E, has settled causing a void. The void will be filled with flowable fill for a stronger base and road re-asphalted.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Commission of repair work completed on the 2012 Freightliner (#4) by Matt Cluck. A cost estimate was not known at meeting time.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with sale tax collections for the month of May 2023. County share of existing 1% sales tax \$71,757.06. EMS 1% dedicated sales tax \$116,711.58.

The Board of was in receipt of 2024 budget request for Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center in the amount of \$30,000.00 appropriations and \$14,200.00 for crisis bed center, being the same as the current budget year. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending preparation of the 2024 Doniphan County budget.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with a draft of the 2024 Doniphan County Budget. Discussion followed. No action was taken pending review.

Sheryl Pierce, Health Department/Home Health Administrator, notified the County Commission via County Clerk of Registered Nurse Elizabeth Cluck’s start date effective July 10, 2023.

County Commission held discussion regarding road use agreement for Grain Belt Express high transmission power line and making amendments to or rescission of Doniphan County Resolutions 2008-04 and 2014-11 relating to hard surfaced roads within Doniphan County, Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement with County Attorney Charles D. Baskins beginning the process to amend Resolution 2008-04 and Resolution 2014-11.

Discussion was also held on formulating a long term replacement and repair plan for the County’s 106 bridge structures.

County Clerk Franken informed the County Commission Contractor Bob Rahe is waiting on Kansas Gas Service to mark the east courthouse parking lot, with excavation of the current lot to begin by June 27, 2023.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:59 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman