

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 21, 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. Road Foremen Representative Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, ADA/Emergency Management Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Julie Meng, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson and Evergy Representatives Jessica Keck, David Peck, Joe Lutz and Chris Carey were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve meeting agenda as amended to include discussion regarding 245th Road repair. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of August 14, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 13 local inmates.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to designate public parking only in the east courthouse parking lot, with exception of employees permitted with handicap tag. Designate two handicap van accessible parking spots. Designate an area for Sheriff's inmate transport. And allow parking of Transportation Department vans between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. based on recommendation of ADA Coordinator Julie Meng. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with household hazardous waste collections, picked up by Jackson County, Kansas, August 14, 2023.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission grant acceptance for bridge replacement projects would be announced by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly in August or September. Doniphan County made application to the Kansas Department of Transportation Local Bridge Improvement Program to replace bridge RS-380 on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 20-29 Township 2 Range 19E. Doniphan County would be responsible for 15% matching funds in the amount of \$121,993.40, right-of-way acquisition, utility placement and engineering, if successful in their grant

application for bridge replacement funding. The total project is estimated to cost \$813,289.33.

Norris reported she emailed a copy of road work agreement between Contractor Luedke Excavating and Doniphan County, Kansas, for 4'x 80' culvert replacement project on Elgin Road, south of 110th Road, in Section 36 Township 4 Range 19E to adjoining landowners for approval.

Midwest Sealing and Construction plans to begin sealing cracks on 165th Road August 25-28, 2023 continuing west on to Last Chance Road and Castleton Road. Work will be done on weekends to avoid impeding with school bus routes. Road Office Manager Norris will notify the public when roadways are closed for sealant work via text caster.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission she verified school bus routes with USD 111 and USD 114. She has not yet heard back from USD 429.

July 2023 Road Improvement Fund balances and Road Department expenses were presented to the County Commission for their review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve amended request and petition on behalf of Platte Pipeline, Inc. for use of county roadways, including Sheridan and Saratoga Roads, for pipeline boring project across the Missouri River. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve request and petition on behalf of Telcom Services for buried Brightspeed service line along 190th Road in Section 19 Township 3 Range 21E. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall suggested a letter be sent to Burr Oak Drainage District requesting drainage repair along Randolph and 245th Roads, including gravel replacement on the county roadway. The Board of County Commissioners made no objections and asked County Clerk Peggy Franken, with assistance from the Road Department, to address a letter on their behalf.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price told the County Commission culvert along 175th Road in Section 30 Township 3 Range 20E has been dug out, rebar tied and concrete poured. Hot patch material will be used to shore up the road and tied into existing asphalt. The Board discussed with Foreman Price contacting Herzog Contracting Corporation to grind and relay asphalt surface if hot patch material does not adhere to the existing roadway.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of County Commissioners effective August 31, 2023. The Board accepted Foreman Price's letter of resignation with regret.

Evergy Representatives Jessica Keck, Manager of Permitting and Civil Engineering; David Peck, Senior Project Manager; Joe Lutz, Senior T&S Permitting and Chris Carey, P.G., Managing Partner Geologist, along with Zoning Administrator Julie Meng, met with the Board of County Commissioners to get options, opinions and suggestions for construction of new electrical substation in Doniphan County, Kansas, in order to upgrade the existing substation which services the Wathena, Kansas, area and will be decommissioned after construction. The proposed location of the substation is on property located on 175th Road, directly across from 2118 175th Road, in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter Section 28 Township 3 Range 22E. Jessica Keck explained the 2.65 acre substation on 5 acres would convert the existing substation from 69KV to 115KV, as the current substation is at the end of its life and the only power source for Wathena customers. David Peck, Evergy Senior Project Manager, told the Commission Evergy Representatives were present to determine if the 175th Road site is a viable option for a new substation, if not Evergy would move on and be open to recommendations from the Board of County Commissioners on different site locations. The County Commissioners asked Evergy Representatives to hold public meetings to explain to residents the need for and benefits of a new substation.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve Workforce Development grant application to Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the amount of \$75,933.47, effective December 31, 2023-December 31, 2027. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of safety items through the Safe Kids grant in the amount of \$3,600.99. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve attendance of two Health Department/Home Health nurses to the annual Kansas Homecare Conference in Lawrence, Kansas, for a total cost of \$570.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve grant applications to the United States Department of Agriculture for Women Infant and Children (WIC) funding in the amount of \$55,617.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce announced a drive-thru flu shot clinic will be held in the alley behind the Doniphan County Health Department building, 201 S Main Street, Troy, Kansas, on October 6, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Administrator Pierce told the County Commission Kay Smith, who served as Maternal Child Health Coordinator, Safe Kids Coordinator and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency, submitted a letter of resignation effective August 25, 2023. Registered Nurse Elizabeth Cluck will take on the Maternal Child Health and Safe Kids Coordinator

positions. The Health Department is currently seeking an individual to fill the role of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator on a part-time basis.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson requested permission to donate to a local non-profit organization unused chest freezer currently housed at the Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center. The Board of County Commissioners made no objections as long as the freezer is no longer needed.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of four chairs for the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center.

Aging Director Crouse-Johnson reported continued issues with air bag/seat belt light remaining on in the 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan (black) recently repaired by United Access and assessed by Reed Auto Group. The Board of County Commissioner suggested contacting J&G Auto Repair to assess the vehicle for wiring issues.

At 10:39 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:45 A.M.

At 10:47 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 11:07 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman