

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Deputy County Clerk Melissa Mott present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, USD 429 Superintendent Patrick McKernan, Paul Smith, Jake Werger and Trent Siegle were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of August 28, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Fee reports for the period of August 2023 was presented to the County Commission on behalf of the County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Sheriff for their review.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 9 local inmates.

Deputy County Clerk Melissa Mott presented the County Commission with August 2023 departmental budget and cash summary for their review, sales tax collections in the amount of \$76,228.10 and EMS 1% dedicated sales tax collections in the amount of \$124,133.43.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson informed the County Commission Doniphan County Services and Workskills will be taking the unused chest freezer from the Troy Pioneer Senior Center. The Advisory Council for the Highland Senior Center requested bell tower be painted. The Board instructed Director Crouse-Johnson to seek bids for painting bell tower at Highland Senior Center. Director Crouse-Johnson also requested purchasing LifeVac Choking Rescue devices for each of the four senior centers at a cost of \$79.99 each. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve purchase of four LifeVac Choking Rescue devices for \$79.99 each. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Crouse-Johnson also informed the Board delivery of new KDOT 2023 Chrysler Voyager van at a cost of \$68,001.00 with Doniphan County to pay invoice in full and be reimbursed by KDOT. Doniphan County is responsible for 20% of cost. Current KDOT van to be released to County. Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase 2023 Chrysler Voyager van for \$68,001.00 with KDOT to reimburse 80% of cost. Commissioner Collins seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Crouse-Johnson presented a proposal to increase the Doniphan County Public Transportation fares effective January 1, 2024 from the current rate of \$7.00 to \$10.00 for local rides and out of area rides from the current rate of \$25.00 to \$35.00. If approved the rate increase would also be presented to KDOT for their approval and advertised 30 days prior to taking effect. The Board took no action pending review.

Request presented on behalf of Appraiser for mapping staff to attend Kansas Association of Mappers Conference in Wichita, Kansas for \$160.00 along with \$409.34 for hotel stay. Commissioner Collins approved mapping staff to attend Kansas Association of Mappers Conference in Wichita, Kansas for a total of \$569.34. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Patrick McKernan, USD 429 Superintendent, requested maintenance on approximately one mile of Old Kiowa Road between 175th and 190th Roads in Sections 28 and 27 Township 3 Range 21 for bus route. The Board of County Commission agreed to have county road department grade and rock Old Kiowa Road with local contractor to replace tubes and remove brush.

Correspondence was received by the Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Property Valuation regarding final results of the 2022 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study. County Appraiser has met the statistical performance standards established for both commercial/industrial and residential classes of property.

Paul Smith appeared before the Board of County Commission with concerns on quality of rock being hauled on county roads.

Jake Werger and Trent Siegle appeared before the Board regarding construction of pond on property. Discussion held with the Board, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins. Commissioner Grable made a motion allowing Jake Werger to finish pond construction on property with an easement south of pond for County Road 234, also known as Tom Shivers Road, located in Section 23 Township 2 Range 21E. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster advised the Board the updated courthouse mainframe AS400 system being installed in November 2023 will need to be relocated from current location in Aging Office due to new system being noisier. Discussion held on possible locations.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the Board Doniphan County was one of fifteen awarded the Kansas Department of Transportation's Local Bridge Improvement Program projects for fiscal year 2024 in an amount up to \$750,000.00 with local contribution requirement of 10% for replacement of bridge RS380 located on 240th Road. Amount awarded includes \$50,000.00 for removal of closed bridge T-538-2 on Oxide Road.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented to the Board of County Commissioners the completed bridge report from Schwab-Eaton, P.A. on 97 bridges throughout the County. Manager Norris also informed the Board crack sealing on Last Chance Road by Midwest Sealing and Construction is finished and Castleton Road is scheduled for sealing the following week. Elgin Road project is complete and road has been reopened. Schwab-Eaton, P.A. estimated replacement for culvert on Coronado Road to be \$130,000.00. City of Highland to be contacted on sharing cost for culvert replacement.

Dust control agreement for 717 Last Chance Road was presented and executed by Board. List of approved waivers presented. Commissioner Grable informed Board dust control application was damaged on Larkinburg Road, landowner will need to provide receipt for reimbursement.

Road Office Manager Norris updated the County Commission on 2005 Komatsu loader repairs. Berry Tractor would like to haul 2005 Komatsu loader to inspect for exact issues to give an accurate amount on repairs and give the Board trade in value. Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay Berry Tractor no more than \$750.00 for freight on 2005 Komatsu loader for inspection and provide temporary loader for county use. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Norris inquired about Murphy Tractor grader warranty quotes previously presented to the Board. No action taken. Routine service maintenance by Murphy Tractor on 2020 John Deere graders previously approved presented also. 2020 John Deere grader (#201) 500 hour service invoice totaled \$1,337.37 and 2020 John Deere grader (#202) 2000 hour service totaled \$6,927.30. Warranty work on 2020 John Deere grader (#202) for transmission leak in the amount of \$4,072.49 was covered in full. Commissioner Grable requested list of hours on all graders.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve invoices from Franken Auto Parts for 2015 Ford F250 (#127) brakes in the amount of \$503.06, Franken Auto Parts for 2018 Western Star (#11) batteries in the amount of \$530.61, and MayDay Trucking Services for 2020 Peterbilt (#206) parts in the amount of \$730.17. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bids for tree trimming and removal along 110th Road right of way west of Monument Road to be obtained.

The City of Highland notice of a public hearing to be held Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. regarding zoning variance for 308 West Main, Highland, Kansas presented.

Correspondence from KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center requesting disbursement of the county's liquor tax of \$1,000.00 for Mirror, Inc. per contract terms. An additional \$4,000.00 is requested for substance abuse treatment purposes for the treatment of uninsured residents of Doniphan County, community education, and outreach activities for remaining 2023 budget year. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve payment of \$5,000.00 from Special Drug and Alcohol fund to KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center per contract terms and for substance abuse treatment purposes. 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 10:46 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Attest: _____
Melissa Mott, Deputy County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman