

DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 25, 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, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Register of Deeds Susan Shuster 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 Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of September 18, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of September 29, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 10 local inmates.

Due to observance of St. Columbus Day October 9, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson informed the County Commission representatives with Kansas Department of Transportation approved increasing Doniphan County Public Transportation fares effective January 1, 2024 from the current rate of \$7.00 to \$10.00 for local rides within 25 miles one way. And out-of-area rides extending further than 25 miles one way from the current rate of \$25.00 to \$35.00. Public notice of the fare changes has been submitted to The Kansas Chief to run a period of 30-days.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to change bank accounts held in the names of Senior Centers and project income and add additional signers based on recommendation of Auditor Sean Gordon, CPA. Project Income shall be called "Doniphan County Council on Aging Project Income" and Senior Citizens Accounts "Doniphan County Council on Aging 'Highland Center' 'Wathena Keen-Age Center' 'Troy Pioneer Center' or 'Elwood Leisure Hour Center'". Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Crouse-Johnson told the County Board the windshield on the Transportation shuttle bus is cracked, presenting cost estimates from Render Auto Glass \$272.96 and Glass Doctor \$387.75. The Board of County Commission were in consensus to accept the best bid based on prior experience.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to purchasing ceiling tiles for Highland Senior Citizens Center at a cost of \$219.60. Aging Director Crouse-Johnson to obtain cost estimate for installation, with permission to approve if the amount doesn't exceed \$500.00 spending authority.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with Road Improvement Fund balances, Road Department expenses, tire inventory, tube inventory and bridge plank inventory through August 31, 2023 for their review.

Discussion was held between Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and County Commission regarding rock hauling through the end of the current year with consensus being reached to cut off rock hauling on or before November 15, 2023 weather permitting.

Road Office Manager Norris told the County Commission she contacted Ideker about the purchase of concrete material currently stored at Rosecrans Airport. Representatives of Ideker stated the schedule for moving the material is flexible, however they would like a general idea of when the County would haul in order to coordinate schedules. They will consider all purchasing options for the 20,000 ton of material currently priced at \$5.00 per ton and help load for an additional cost of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per ton. The Board took no action pending obtaining bids from contractors for repair of County bridge structures in order to know amount of material needed. Norris will ask Ideker their process for weighing and keeping track of material as purchased.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to obtain bids from local contractors for repair of bridge structures listed as needing immediate attention on the 2023 Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Inspection report.

Bid letter will also be sent to contractor listed next on the Contractor List in the office of the Doniphan County Road Office for 6' x 60' culvert replacement located on Runnymede Road ¼ mile south of 245th Road in Section 19 Township 2 Range 22E. Bid due in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. October 6, 2023 with bid letting to be held at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton PA, prepared plans for repair of bridge structures T-35-2 located on 180th Road east of Blackjack Road in Section 21 Township 3 Range 19E and T-228-2 Larkinburg Road south of 150th Road Section 7 Township 4 Range 21E. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to have the Road Office prepare project bid specifications to be advertised and sent to local contractors seeking bids for repair of bridges T-35-2 and T-228-2 based on recommendation and bridge plans drafted by Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA. Bids due by 5:00 P.M.

October 6, 2023 in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk. Bid letting to be held 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Midwest Sealing and Construction has completed crack sealant on 165th, Last Chance and Castleton Roads. Castleton Road project was more extensive requiring additional material and labor than originally projected. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve an additional \$1,116.00 for crack sealant on Castleton Road. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the bid of Engemann Dozing Company Inc. in the amount of \$16,000.00 for clearing of brush and trees along County rights-of-way Old Kiowa Road ½ mile north of 175th Road. Removal and installation of three road tubes and building up roadway, as requested by USD 429 for school bus route. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable told the County Commission the 2020 Peterbilt (#206) will be assessed for clutch repair work.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase 6' x 90' tube plus 2 bands for tube replacement project on 140th and Ottumwa Roads in Section 15 Township 4 Range 21E at a cost of \$10,476.30 from Metal Culverts. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Board the air machine for tire repair in the First Road District shop is broken. Tires will be taken to local repair shop until a decision is made on replacing the machine.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with an invoice from A1 Roofing for roof replacement on the Health Department Building located at 201 South Main Street, Troy, Kansas, in the amount of \$22,250.00. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending discussion with Health Department Administrator Sheryl Pierce to insure there are no leaks in the roof and interior damage has been repaired from previous leaks.

Clerk Franken told the County Commission she is seeking a cost estimate from Pierce Heating and Cooling to replace the air conditioning unit in the County Clerk's office.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of email correspondence from representatives of Evergy giving an update on proposed substation near Wathena, Kansas. As outlined in the email Evergy is working to determine if a substation is feasible in the commercial/industrial area of the County. They explored a site off of 175th and Randolph Roads, where the property owner was contacted about selling the property for a potential site and were given a "hard no" by the property owner.

At 9:27 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters of a legal nature with counsel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:32 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster met with the County Commission regarding location of survey records. She said storage in the old jail is not convenient nor climate controlled and access to surveys must be monitored. She suggested rearranging the Economic Development offices to allow room for filing cabinets for storage of survey records. The Board of County Commissioners viewed the current location of surveys in the Road Office vault and toured the Economic Development office. No action was taken.

At 10:06 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect economic development personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:11 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman