

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 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. Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Highland City Council President Terry Gibson, Highland City Attorney Andrew Parker and Sheriff Chad Clary were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of November 13, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve abated tax changes in the amount of \$1,074.14 to the 2023 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 11 local inmates.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve purchase of Bosch dishwasher for Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center from Home Depot in the amount of \$1,083.96; delivered, installed and old unit hauled off. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bid letting was held for sale of 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan no longer in rotation by the Doniphan County Transportation Department. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Timothy Simpson	\$1,110.00
Tina Campbell	\$2,001.00
Mark Wiedmer	\$ 826.00
Jan Tracy	\$2,200.00

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the best bid of Jan Tracy for sale of 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan in the amount of \$2,200.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bid letting was held for replacement of Americans with Disabilities accessible ramp and sidewalk at Highland Senior Citizens Center located at 102 N Kirkwood St., Highland, Kansas. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Midwest Sealing and Construction	\$16,560.00
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Fuemmeler Flatwork	\$18,061.00
Bob Rahe Construction	\$15,041.00

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the best bid of Bob Rahe Construction in the amount of \$15,041.00 for replacement of ADA sidewalks and ramp at Highland Senior Citizens Center with payment to be made from New Sales Tax Fund. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Doniphan County's Local Road Safety Plan, submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation's High Risk Rural Roads program, is in the final stages of review. She gave program details for submittal of projects beginning 2026.

Norris also presented the County Commission an agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and Kansas Department of Transportation for 2024 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program Projects for replacement of bridge RS 380 (KDOT RS 2182) located 2.7 miles west and .2 miles south of Highland, Kansas on 240th Road, Sections 20-29 Township 2 Range 19E. Doniphan County will be responsible for \$86,503 (10%) of replacement costs. In addition, Doniphan County will be granted \$50,000 to use toward replacement cost for removal of bridge T-538-2 located on Oxide Road, north of 215th Road, Section 36 Township 2 Range 23E, slated to be replaced with two 84" tubes.

Commissioner Grable inquired about ordering two 84" road tubes for replacement of bridge T-538-2 located on Oxide Road, north of 215th Road, Section 36 Township 2 Range 23E. At the same time ordering road tubes for replacement of structure T-538-1 located adjacent to T-538-2, which is in critical condition and no longer listed on Kansas Department of Transportation bridge inventory for inspection purposes. No action was taken.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to pay Baird Excavating \$28,001.40, an increase to original bid of \$1,734.40 for additional material placement, for berm slope repair on bridge T-35-2 located east of Black Jack Road on 180th Road or 2.4 miles west of Severance, Kansas, Section 28 Township 3 Range 19E, following final inspection by Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve wiring repair parts expense for 2017 John Deere Motor grader in Second Road District in the amount of \$2,500.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve radiator repair to 2020 Peterbilt (#206) in Second Road District by Redneck Diesel. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Highland City Council President Terry Gibson and Highland City Attorney Andrew Parker met with the Board of County Commission presenting a letter on behalf of the City of Highland stating due to funding street repair and improvement projects, the City would not be able to cost share with Doniphan County for repair of concrete box culvert on Coronado Road, north of Highland City limits, Sections 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E. Per Attorney Parker the City of Highland will honor their previous agreement to pay one half of expenses related to surveying and engineering. Commissioner Grable asked the intent of the City of Highland to annex property into the city limits north of Highland, particularly along

Coronado Road. Mr. Parker said the City of Highland does not intend to annex any part of Coronado Road into city limits.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission John and Linus Wood, Woodworks Restoration of Denton, Kansas, repaired Tall Oak Indian monument the week of November 13, 2023. Brandy Henderson, Henderson Masonry, completed construction on east courthouse parking lot walls leading into the drive, as well as, repaired the base of Tall Oak Indian monument, finishing on November 18, 2023.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into agreement with Gordon CPA for 2023 Doniphan County auditing services not to exceed \$15,625.00 and single audit (if required) \$2,750.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

David Van Laar appeared before the Board of County Commissioners thanking them for culvert replacement, widening of roadway and brush removal along Elgin Road, south of 110th Road, Section 36 Township 4 Range 19E.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion with Sheriff Clary regarding payment of October 2023 Direct TV invoice in the amount of \$604.69. Sheriff Clary said he is still investigating additional charges. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement not to pay until the Sheriff's investigation is complete.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman