

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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 absent.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Contractors Keenan Baird, Cooper Clark, Rudy Collins, Roger Engemann, Kent Kiefer, Kirby Kiefer, Mike Kiefer, Dennis Muse, and Pat Urban, Road Foremen Roger Clark and Chris Schultz, Waste Management Representatives Mike Hey and John McConnell, Cody Miller with Miller Trash Service, and Martha Smith, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve minutes of February 12, 2024, regular meeting, as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2023 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$711.85. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of Sheriff's Department 2023 inventory, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2687.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with Road Department January expense reports, bridge plank, tire and tube inventory, along with Road Improvement fund balances for their review.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase six "Road Work Ahead" signs for the Road Department, from Jack Horner Supply, at a cost of \$220.00 each. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay for ELDT training for two current employees of the Road Department to obtain Commercial Driver's License and approve attendance at CDL Quick Training of St. Joseph, Missouri, at a cost of \$1,750.00 per employee. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in consensus employees of the Road and Bridge Department are required to have a Class A or Class B license at the time of hire, which must be kept current during the time of employment with Doniphan County, Kansas.

Doniphan County will not purchase service agreement for the 2023 Caterpillar 926M wheel loader (#209) from Foley Equipment at this time, as discussed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to rent a mini excavator from Equipment Share for a period of one month, at a weekly rate of \$930.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins asked about the rental of equipment for use by the Road Department if the cost does not exceed Commission spending limit authority. Commissioner Hall said he didn't see any issue with rental of equipment if it doesn't exceed a commissioner's spending authority.

Road Office Manager Norris remarked that it would be beneficial when renting equipment to check with all three road districts as a cost-effective approach to using equipment and completing projects. Clerk Franken reminded the Commissioners of the need for proof of County's liability insurance to be on file with the rental company prior to renting equipment.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Board she has received contractor's rates from four local contractors, who will be contacted when road projects call for contractual services.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve repair to 2016 belly dump (#133) by Mayday Trucking Services in the amount of \$868.87. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bids were presented for the purchase of three Ford F-250 single cab pickup trucks for each road district as follows:

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| Anderson Ford, St. Joseph, Mo. | \$46,522.05 each |
| Aberle Ford, Sabetha, Ks       | \$47,000.00 each |
| Honeyman Ford, Seneca, Ks      | \$46,334.00 each |

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the best and lowest bid of Honeyman Ford for the purchase of three Ford F-250 single cab pickup trucks in the amount of \$46,334.00 each.

Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:06 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed, with the meeting reconvening at the location of bridges T-538-1 and T-538-2 on Oxide Road, south of Ottumwa Road approximately 1,800' in Section 36 Township 2 Range 23E at 9:30 A.M. for on-site contractors meeting.

Present in addition to the County Commission were County Clerk Peggy Franken, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Keenan Baird, Cooper Clark, Rudy Collins, Roger Engemann, Kent Kiefer, Kirby Kiefer, Mike Kiefer, Dennis Muse, Pat Urban, Road Foremen Roger Clark and Chris Schultz. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will determine length, width and depth of rip rap needed, quarry location rip rap will be hauled from and the distance between each road tube for compaction purposes. Trees and brush will be piled up and burnt, with debris to be hauled off by Doniphan County. Road Foremen Clark and Schultz said dirt northeast of the bridges on property rented by Studer Farms can be used for fill. The Board of County Commissioners previously agreed to install two 40' x 84" tubes at each location to replace dilapidated bridge structures. However, after on-site bridge meeting, it was determined two tubes 80' x 84" would be needed for T-538-1 and two tubes 60' x 84" needed for T-538-2. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to postpone bid letting until March 11, 2024, with sealed bids to be submitted to the County Clerk on or before 5:00 P.M. March 8, 2024.

At 10:02 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed, with the meeting called back to order at the Doniphan County Transfer Station located at 1144 St. Columbus Road, Wathena, Kansas, at 10:40 A.M. for the purpose of touring the transfer station building. Present in addition to the County Commission were County Clerk Peggy Franken, Waste Management Representatives Mike Hey and John McConnell, Cody Miller with Miller Trash Service, and Martha Smith, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services. Several structural issues with the building were noted. Commissioner Hall asked Mr. Hey if Waste Management plans to repair the building prior to turning it back over to Doniphan County at the end of the contractual period, October 31, 2024. Mr. Hey said Waste Management plans to make no repairs. Trash was observed all around outside of the transfer station building.

At 11:05 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed, with the meeting called back to order at the Doniphan County Courthouse at 11:20 A.M. Present in addition to the County Commission was County Clerk Peggy Franken.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to order 120' of additional tube plus bands for replacement of bridges T-538-1 and T-538-2 located on Oxide Road, south of Ottumwa Road approximately 1800' in Section 36 Township 2 Range 23E. And approve 20' of rip rap at each location, with the amount of rip rap to be adjusted as needed with prior approval from the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held regarding 2024 chip seal and asphalt overlay on county roads. Commissioner Grable said he would like to obtain cost estimates to overlay four miles on Mesquito Creek Road, giving up some chip seal milage if necessary, depending on the cost. Commissioner Collins asked for a cost estimate to overlay 240<sup>th</sup> Road from K-7 Highway, east of Highland, Kansas, to city limits. Commissioner Hall also asked for cost estimate to overlay three miles on Treece Road, north of Wathena, Kansas.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 11:37 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman