

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 22, 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, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire open meeting. Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Sheriff Deputy Officer Jared Ratzlaff, Bill Rush, Kyle Phillips, Herzog Contracting Corporation Senior Vice President of Heavy Highway Division, Bryan Jones, Herzog Contracting Corporation Vice President of Project Delivery Heavy Highway Division, and Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng 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 Collins made a motion to approve minutes of July 15, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

At 8:31 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters of legal nature pertaining to Noxious Weed Department with Counsel. The meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 8:46 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Noxious Weed Director present.

Kyle Phillips, Herzog Contracting Corporation Senior Vice President of Heavy Highway Division and Bryan Jones, Vice President of Project Delivery Heavy Highway Division, met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss 2” asphalt overlay installed on 240th Road, east of Highland City limits, May 10, 2024. Reports were made of the asphalt overlay blistering. Upon inspection it was determined moisture in the chip seal subsurface was escaping due to high heat air temperatures at the same time as the asphalt was applied, thereby trapping the moisture in the asphalt. Mr. Phillips said Herzog inspected the road when they received initial word of the blistering and again recently. The road has since laid back down and Herzog does not expect any further issues. However, during the next heat wave, representatives of Herzog will re-inspect the road. County Attorney Baskins asked what actions would be taken if after the winter months the road is left with potholes. Mr. Jones said he did not foresee that happening but if the road breaks up it may be necessary to wedge or mill and then overlay the road. He also recommended a 1” asphalt overlay in the future to extend the life of the road. According to project specifications the road has a 1-year warranty for workmanship.

Herzog Contracting Corporation plans to begin 1.5 mile 3" asphalt overlay project on Mesquito Creek Road on or around July 24, 2024, commencing at the transition of US Highway 36 north approximately 1.5 miles to 215th Road.

Sheriff Deputy Officer Jared Ratzlaff invited the Board of County Commissioners to a mock disaster drill put on by the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement agencies on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Troy High School, 319 S. Park Street, Troy, Kansas, with debriefing to begin at 6:30 P.M. and exercise at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Officer Ratzlaff also invited the County Commission to attend the annual National Night Out; a community policing awareness event put on by law enforcement. This year's event will take place at Elwood City Park on August 6, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Bill Rush of Severance, Kansas, was present to ask when a delinquent property tax foreclosure sale would be held. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins referred Mr. Rush to Attorney Joel Euler, Assistant County Attorney, who is assisting Doniphan County with the delinquent tax collection and foreclosure process.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission of concerns raised over low hanging trees along Treece and Toulon roads that need trimmed back from the roadway. Commissioner Hall and Third District Road Foreman Chris Schultz will address.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase 15" and 18" plastic tubes from Engemann Drainage Company in the amount of \$1,668.00 for tube replacement project on Mineral Point Road between 100th and 110th roads. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, presented the County Commission with June 2024 Road Department expense report, Road Improvement Fund balances and bridge, tire and tube inventory reports for their review.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the purchase of rock from the County Road Department fund for tube replacement on Mineral Point Road, between 100th and 110th roads, in the amount of \$1,092.87. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable told the County Commission Urban Construction hauled two loads of rock from Whetrock Quarries for tube replacement projects on Castleton Road in Section 9 Township 4 Range 19E. The Board agreed to reimburse Urban Construction or pay the quarry directly for the two loads of rock with payment made from the County Road Department fund.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payment to Bolin Hydraulic in the amount of \$981.82 for hydraulic reservoir work on #11 2018 Western Star rock truck in Third Road District. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA, inspected double barrel box culvert RS110 on 150th and Ash Point roads. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with Engineer Beach's recommendations for repair or replacement of the 1958 structure. No action taken pending review.

Engineer David Beach, Schwab-Eaton, PA, has prepared and submitted plans to the Kansas Department of Transportation for replacement of RS380, double barrel culvert on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29 Township 2 Range 19E. The structure qualified for replacement under the Kansas Department of Transportation Local Bridge Improvement Program. Once Officials with KDOT review and approve the plans, Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA will prepare requests for proposals and post the project for bid.

County Clerk Peggy Franken announced the award of broadband grant funding to Rainbow Communications in the amount of \$653,256.00 by the Kansas Office of Broadband Development for the Broadband Acceleration Grant 4.0. Rainbow Communications, as the internet service provider, applied for grant funds on behalf of Doniphan County to expand fiber optic internet service to areas south of Wathena, Kansas, and north and south of Troy, Kansas.

Household Hazardous Waste material collection reports were presented to the County Commission for the periods of April and June 2024, for Board review.

Chairman Grable executed the 2025 District Court and Four County 22nd Judicial District Court budget requests.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission Ruthanna Seward voiced concern with water reservoir on Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, developed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, breeding mosquitos that are affecting her property located at 976 Tioga Road, Wathena, Kansas. Ms. Seward asked for consideration on installing aerators or another means to control the mosquito infestation.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase Bosch variable speed three ton 20 seer heat pump and Bosch 20 Series three ton air handler unit for the County Attorney's office from Pierce Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$9,965.00, with payment made from New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed bids for tuck pointing and repair of courthouse chimney including rental of aerial lift, after viewing the structure.

Henderson Masonry	\$26,772.00
Solomons Masonry	\$29,785.53

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the best and lowest bid of Henderson Masonry to repair and tuck point courthouse chimney at a cost of \$26,772.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Management Director Julie Meng informed the County Commission that the Kansas Department of Emergency Management is in the process of collecting damage information for incident periods related to severe weather on both June 17-19, 2024, and June 26, 2024. The State is collecting data to determine if the State can seek a federal disaster declaration for severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding. Only damages incurred as a direct result of severe weather during this timeframe can be reported. She asked the County Commission to supply any pertinent information related to storm damage, debris removal, emergency protective measures, damages to roads and bridges, damages to water control facilities, damages to utilities and parks, recreational facilities or other items by the close of business on Friday, July 26, 2024.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission she, along with Economic Development Assistant Becky Gilmore, would be meeting with representatives of Mo-Kan Regional Council and Snyder and Associates architectural firm today to discuss making application to the Kansas Department of Commerce CDBG grants program for installation of ADA accessible sidewalk and ramp into the courthouse building.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:08 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY 2024.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman