

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 12, 2025

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 and County Clerk Peggy Franken present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting. Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall was absent.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Custodian Laura Winkel, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Citlali Samano, Transportation Planner with Mo-Kan Regional Council and The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting minutes of the May 5, 2025, regular meeting and May 7, 2025, special meeting as written. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of May 15, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson informed the County Commission 2026 Kansas Department of Transportation grant funding requests were not approved at 100% due to lack of available State funding. Federal Operating request was \$71,468.00, approved \$64,463.34; Federal Administrative request \$14,934.00, approved \$11,947.20; State Operating request \$28,587.20, approved \$25,785.33. A replacement van request for the Doniphan County Transportation Department was also not awarded or approved.

Custodian Laura Winkel presented the County Commission with a price quote from Architectural Glassing Professionals, Inc. (AGP) for repairing two balance guides on a window in the emergency management office and vertical gasket repair on fifteen (15) courthouse building windows in the amount of \$3,197.00. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the price quote and contract with AGP to repair one window in the emergency management office, as well as repair the vertical gaskets in fifteen courthouse windows at a cost of \$3,197.00 with payment to be made from the New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with the April 2025 departmental budget and cash summary report and April 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collections report.

Correspondence was also presented from Grain Belt Express regarding award of \$1.7B in contracts to US Contractors Quanta and Kiewit to build the largest electric transmission line project in U.S. history; the line is slated to run through a portion of Doniphan County.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Board she spoke to Bryan Jones, Vice President of Project Delivery-Heavy Highway with Herzog Contracting Corporation regarding soft spots on Mesquito Creek Road prior to Herzog Contracting Corporation putting down a 3" asphalt overlay. Mr. Jones said he was aware of one soft spot on the stretch between 215th and 235th roads on Mesquito Creek Road, which will be addressed by Herzog Contracting Corporation at the time of asphaltting the roadway.

Representatives with Vance Brothers, Inc. contacted the Road Office to inform Manager Norris the Wathena baseball field parking lot was not chip sealed as originally planned due to uncertainty with weather conditions. They are also aware of the Bikes Across Kansas tour to be held the weekend of June 13-14, 2025, and will plan chip seal projects around it accordingly.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to rent a 1.5 ton 36" double drum roller from Equipment Share on a monthly basis (4 week period) at a cost of \$1,675.00 to be used by the Road Department for road patch work. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve a Request and Petition on behalf of Brightspeed to place a new service cable in county right-of-way on 190th Road, north of US Highway 36, to service 1860 US Highway 36, Wathena, Kansas. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners a listing of bridges that are candidates for replacement under the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge program with potential funding at 100% or the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program with a 10% grant match requirement. Qualifications based off of 2025 inspections performed by engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA, who will assist Doniphan County in the application process by May 23, 2025:

- T-35-1 180th Road west of Ash Point Road
- T-51-1 Friendship Road east of 105th Road (wood plank bridge)
- T-228-3 Larkinburg Road south of 150th Road (truss bridge)
- T-433-1 190th Road east of Randolph Road

There are two bridge structures that could be removed and considered sacrifice bridges for the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program:

- T-731-1 196th Road north of 195th Road
- T-831-2 Oxide Road north of 195th Road (old railroad bridge)

At 9:00 A.M. public hearing was held for the purpose of Doniphan County, Kansas, making application to the Kansas Department of Commerce under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to reconfigure the lower set of stairs at the courthouse's south entrance by removing the existing stairs and constructing a new accessible ramp connecting to the handicap parking lot on the east side of the building. This improvement is intended to address ongoing accessibility issues associated with the existing electrical lift on the west

side of the south entrance. Citlali Samano, Transportation Planner with Mo-Kan Regional Council, was present. There being no public comment, Chairman Grable closed the public hearing at 9:09 A.M.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to make application to the Kansas Department of Commerce under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to reconfigure the lower set of stairs at the courthouse's south entrance by removing the existing stairs and constructing a new accessible ramp connecting to the handicap parking lot on the east side of the building to address ongoing accessibility issues associated with the existing electrical lift on the west side of the south entrance. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken suggested the County Commission appoint a project manager to oversee the CDBG accessible ramp construction project, if awarded, to ensure it is aesthetically pleasing to the existing building and grounds. Commissioner Collins also recommended contacting Henderson Masonry to stone any retaining walls on the project to match those of the existing courtyard wall.

Chairman Grable asked County Attorney Charles D. Baskins the status of discussions with representatives of the City of Highland regarding paying \$10,000.00 toward repair costs of concrete box culvert located on Coronado Road, Sections 22-23, Township 2, Range 19E. Attorney Baskins said the Highland City Council plans to discuss it at their next regular meeting.

County Attorney Charles D. Baskins presented the County Commission with a Notice of Petition for Vacation of County Roads and Alleys on the plat of Maynard, set for publication and public hearing. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve for publication and set public hearing date for the vacation of roads and alleys on the plat of Maynard, with public hearing to be held Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 9:30 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Doniphan County Courthouse, Troy, Kansas. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS

PETITION FOR VACATION OF COUNTY ROADS

Comes now THE PETITIONERS, Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas' petition for vacation of county roads do allege as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners seek vacation of county roads pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas seeks to vacate the following described roads and alleys, located on the plat of Maynard, within Doniphan County, Kansas, to-wit:
 - a. That portion of Zimmerman Street lying north of the north right of way line of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad to the North City Limit line.

- b. That portion of Glick Street lying north of the north right of way line of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad to the North City Limit line.
 - c. That portion of White Street lying north of the north right of way line of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad to the North City Limit line.
 - d. That portion of Maynard Street lying north of the north right of way line of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad to the North City Limit line.
 - e. All Alleys in blocks 1 through 25
 - f. All of Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets.
- 3. That the above real estate described has been platted and dedicated and is a part of Maynard, also known as Troy Junction, that the plat of Maynard was filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Doniphan County, Kansas, during the Month of March, 1971.
 - 4. That the real estate lies wholly outside the limits of any incorporated city.
 - 5. This matter is properly before the Board of Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas.
 - 6. The Board of Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas state that the public will not suffer a loss or inconvenience by such vacation and that no private rights will be injured or endangered thereby.

WHEREFORE, the petitioners, the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas shall fix a time for the hearing of the petition and give due and legal notice of said hearing and upon hearing determine that such vacation will cause no loss to the public or inconvenience and that no private rights will be injured or endangered thereby and for such further relief as it just and equitable.

Board of County Commissioners, Doniphan County, Kansas
Wayne Grable, Chairman
Timothy D. Collins, Commissioner
Bobby Hall , Commissioner

Attest: Peggy Franken, Doniphan County Clerk

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS
TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Vacation of County Roads and Alleys has been filed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas proposes to vacate the following described roads and alleys, located on the plat of Maynard, within Doniphan County, Kansas, to-wit:

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- f. All of Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets.

That the above real estate described has been platted and dedicated and is a part of Maynard, also known as Troy Junction; that the plat of Maynard was filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Doniphan County, Kansas, during the month of March, 1971.

The hearing before the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas on said Petition will be held at the Doniphan County Courthouse, Board of County Commissioners Office, Troy, Kansas on the 27th day of May, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock A.M.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2025.

Board of County Commissioners, Doniphan County, Kansas

Wayne Grable, Chairman

Timothy D. Collins, Commissioner

Bobby Hall, Commissioners

Attest: Peggy Franken, County Clerk

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 9:59 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY 2025

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman