

**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 4, 2026**

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.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Paul Smith, Custodian Laura Winkel, Doniphan County Freedom Rock Foundation members Micheal Brissett and Rachel Peden, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Morris, Cameron J. (CJ) Heinrich, and Bob Rahe were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the April 27, 2026 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve added taxes to the 2025 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$390.66. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented bids for the purchase of four Yokohama P235/65R17 tires for the 2024 Chrysler Voyager transportation van.

Neumann Services	\$673.52
Triple L	\$679.52 (includes free rotation and repair)
Diamond Fab	\$798.00

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the bid of Triple L for the purchase of four Yokohama tires in the amount of \$679.52. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Doniphan County will host a tire disposal collection on June 6, 2026 at the Second Road District shop, 302 W. Robertson Street, Troy, Kansas, from 7:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. in conjunction with The Tire Cutters of Centralia, Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners agreed not to charge county residents for the first ten passenger, ATV and motorcycle tires, with Solid Waste fund to pay the fee. Disposal cost for tires will be ATV/Motorcycle \$1.75, passenger \$2.50, pickup \$3.00, semi \$7.50, tractor \$30.00. ATV, motorcycle, passenger and pickup tires on the rim are an additional \$1.00. Semi tires on the rim an additional \$2.00 and tractor tires on the rim \$10.00 additional fee.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to increase the wage of Avery Weathersbee \$1.00 per hour for website ADA compliant maintenance. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussions on selling real estate owned by Doniphan County determined to be no longer required or prudently used for public purposes.

Tract 1: A tract of land in the Northwest One-Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 19, Township 3, South Range 22 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Doniphan County, Kansas, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said NW 1/4; thence South 0°02'18" East (assumed bearing), 734.56 feet along the East line of said NW 1/4 to a point on the North Right-of-Way line of U.S. Highway 36; thence North 81°36'57" West, 184.00 feet along said North Right-of-Way line of US Hwy 36; thence North 3°40'39" East, 710.13 feet to a point on the North line of said NW 1/4; thence South 89°36'16" East, 136.00 feet along the North line of said NW 1/4 to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING. Said tract contains 2.64 acres, more or less, including 0.27 acres of the existing rights-of-way of 190<sup>th</sup> Road and Runnymede Road. Subject to all public roads, easements, reservations, restrictions, covenants and conditions, if any, now of record. (190<sup>th</sup> and Runnymede Road)

Tract 2: Block 22 lots 1-2 including abandoned Union Pacific railroad. East Poplar Street, Troy, Kansas.

Tract 3: Block 22 lots 16-20 including abandoned Union Pacific railroad. East Poplar Street, Troy, Kansas.

Tract 4: Block 35 lots 2-9 including abandoned Union Pacific railroad East Poplar Street, Troy, Kansas.

Tract 5: Block 35 lots 11-18 including abandoned Union Pacific railroad and part of vacated Fifth Street and alley in block 36. E Poplar Street, Troy, Kansas  
County Attorney Charles D. Baskins will work on resolutions and proceedings for sale of County owned real estate for Board action.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris has contacted Big Iron Auction and given them a listing of unused road equipment to be sold:

- # 46 2005 Mack dump truck (First District)
- #106 2003 Ford F250 (First District)
- # 69 Grapple (Second District)
- #133 2016 belly dump trailer (Second District)
- #161 2004 Hi-Way salt spreader (Second District)
- #185 2005 Vibro hammer tramac (Second District)
- 2006 snow plow off of #222 2006 International (Second District)
- Pickup bed/trailer (Second District)



Commissioner Grable made a motion approve the following dust control application permits:

- 2176 200<sup>th</sup> Road, Wathena, Kansas
- 2186 200<sup>th</sup> Road, Wathena, Kansas
- 799 Last Chance Road, Troy, Kansas
- 1373 Randolph Road, Troy, Kansas

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

Chairman Grable executed reimbursement request to the Kansas Department of Transportation's Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program in the amount of \$488,266.85 for second payment made to Reece Construction for replacement of bridge RS380, located on 240<sup>th</sup> Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E. To date Doniphan County's cost share on the project equals \$59,758.31.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission that recent rains have caused material shifting on RS380 bridge replacement project, located on 240<sup>th</sup> Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E. Engineer David Beach, Schwab Eaton, PA, recommended grouted rip rap (flowable fill) to prevent future damage at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept engineer recommendations and approve grouted rip rap along bridge RS380 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the price quote of IBC Traffic Inc. in the amount of \$46,513.00 for striping 17,952 LF on 240<sup>th</sup> Road west of Highland, Kansas, 17,952 LF on 240<sup>th</sup> Road East of Highland, Kansas, 5,808 LF on 165<sup>th</sup> Road between Elwood and Wathena, Kansas and 9,240 LF on 170<sup>th</sup> Road between Elwood and Wathena, Kansas. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Road department expenses:

Triple L	\$8,228.20 (2018 Western Star #5 turbo)
Schwab Eaton	\$3,172.50 (2026 interim bridge inspection)
Schwab Eaton	\$5,658.28 (engineering services RS380 bridge)
Midwest Mobile	\$ 623.25 (2026 Cat motor grader #226 radio)
Engemann Drainage	\$1,830.00 (landfill service line/termination of meter)

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

Discussion was held between County Attorney Baskins and the Board of County Commission regarding the County Commission spending authority of \$2,000.00 and unauthorized expenditures.

Commissioner Hall asked for a tube price list from Engemann Drainage Company, Inc. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said she has asked both NEK Drainage Supply, LLC and Engemann Drainage Company, Inc. for price lists. NEK Drainage Supply LLC does not have an updated price list as prices are going up again. Engemann Drainage Company, Inc. responded that prices are changing too often to give a price list due to the

fuel crisis. Commissioner Grable pointed out that Metal Culverts, Inc. is only able to guarantee tube prices for 30 days. Norris will ask again for a 2026 price list when she obtains the annual contractor price list.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Commission that Foley Equipment will have a roller available around June 1, 2026 for use by the Road department to prepare new roads for chip seal. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will contact Vance Brothers to coordinate rental of the roller as close as possible to Vance Brothers chip sealing roadways.

Paul Smith voiced concerns with the Road department not blading the 1300 block of Larkinburg Road prior to dust control material being applied to the roadway. He said dust control material was also applied south on Last Chance Road; however the Road department bladed the road prior to application. Mr. Smith asked that Larkinburg Road be fixed and fixed right for the twelve other households that live along the road. Commissioner Grable said he would take Mr. Smith's request under advisement.

Paul Smith inquired about the County Road department hauling off debris from private property located on Last Chance Road, using the County loader and dump truck. Commissioner Grable said the debris hauled off is being used by the County for fill and was hauled to the Second Road District shop.

Doniphan County Freedom Rock Foundation members Micheal Brissett and Rachel Peden met with the County Commission and Custodian Laura Winkel to discuss site location for the Freedom Rock to be painted by artist Bubba Sorensen honoring Doniphan County Veterans. The rock will be a 6' x 7' granite stone 5' high weighing 23,000 pounds, with the project to commence September 21-30, 2026. Mr. Brissett said the structure will need to be covered and the Foundation has a landscaper willing to donate landscaping services. The Board of County Commissioners, along with Micheal Brissett, Rachel Peden, County Clerk Peggy Franken and Custodian Laura Winkel toured the courtyard to determine site location. No action was taken pending Mr. Brissett getting additional information from the crane company who will set the stone.

Cameron J. (CJ) Heinrich of Diamond Fab and Bob Rahe met with the County Commission to discuss the unfinished courthouse handrail project, condition of concrete steps and concerns with heating element in the courthouse steps. The County Commissioners, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Morris, Custodian Laura Winkel, County Clerk Peggy Franken, CJ Heinrich and Bob Rahe viewed the handrails and steps before returning to the County Commission meeting room. On June 24, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners accepted the bid of Diamond Fab in the amount of \$100,900.00 for replacement of courthouse steps and handrails on both the north and south sides of the building, along with handrails on the north, west and south sides of the courtyard. Bids also called for heating element to be installed in both the north and south side courthouse steps. To date the work has not been completed on the handrails and for the previous two winters the heating element has not been operational in the steps. Diamond Fab installed handrails on the west and south courtyard steps the morning of



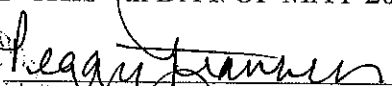
May 4, 2026, however the south handrail did not match the north or courthouse steps. Mr. Heinrich told the County Commission the existing rail was in bad condition so he fabricated a new handrail, if a new one has to be built to match the existing handrail, there will be an additional charge. County Attorney Baskins questioned why there would be an additional charge after the project has taken two years. Commissioner Grable said the County would not be agreeable to paying any additional amount for matching the handrail on the south courtyard steps with the north. The Board of County Commissioners agreed the north and south courtyard handrails shall match the courthouse steps. CJ Heinrich said in the end he wants the County to be happy so he will redo the south courtyard step handrail to match the north courtyard handrail. Mr. Heinrich also has caps to place over the bolts on the south courthouse step handrails, which will be installed this week. If additional caps are needed on other handrails, they will need to be ordered and additional time will be required.

The discussion then turned to the workability of the heating element placed in the concrete of the north and south courthouse steps when they were replaced. The heating element is designed to melt snow and ice off of the courthouse steps; for the past two winters the heating element has not worked. Bob Rahe told the County Commission he worked on the boiler system used for the heating element during the week of April 27, 2026 and the system is up and running at 100% after Mr. Rahe replaced the thermostats, which are pre-set. Mr. Rahe said the water in the system is heated at 150 degrees. Each thermostat has a 24-hour timer, with Rahe recommending the system be turned on 6-hours prior to snowfall to let the system heat up. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins said the system had a 5-year warranty, two years in the system is not working and there is skepticism the system will work. Mr. Rahe said the system is 100% operational and he will personally extend the warranty an additional two years, covering parts and labor through 2032. Commissioner Grable said there have been concerns voiced with the type of antifreeze used in the boiler system heating element. Bob Rahe said he used anti-freeze based on supplier recommendations. County Attorney Baskins asked Mr. Rahe if he had the manual for the boiler which states the type of antifreeze that must be used. Mr. Rahe will get a letter from the manufacturer certifying that the type of antifreeze in the system is the recommended type for County records. County Attorney Baskins asked about the condition of the south courthouse steps being uneven and different texture than the north steps. Bob Rahe said Portland cement was removed from concrete in 2025 replaced with limestone cement, thus creating a different look and texture.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 10:54 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF MAY 2026.

Attest:

  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

  
Wayne Grable, Chairman

