

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 17, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 o'clock A.M. with First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. Second District County Commissioner Terry W. Horner, Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart and Susan Studer observed the entire meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Horner, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve abated taxes to the Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$725.70. Motion carried.

Currently there are 15 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

John Wayne Cluck, Project Manager for Doniphan County Rural Water District No. 6, advised the Board of County Commissioner the new pipe for the Rural Water District No.6 waterline project will be laid along Eminence Road, south of US Highway 36, in the NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 3, Range 20E as originally planned. However the pipe will be laid further back in the field on private property currently owned by John Rush and George Rush. Mr. Cluck suggested the Board consider installing a guard rail along Eminence Road by Wolf River as a safety measure. Chairman Collins stated the Board of County Commissioners are waiting on a recommendation report for bank stabilization of the Wolf River from the Natural Resource Conservation Services office and will make a final decision on Eminence Road once the report is received and reviewed.

At 8:36 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Horner, to enter into executive session for a period of 15-minutes for the purpose of discussing legal matters with counsel. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

The meeting reconvened at 8:51 A.M. with no action taken.

Economic Development Director Adrienne Korson presented the Board of County Commissioners with a picture of the Doniphan County logo and informed the County Board a press release has been submitted to area newspapers, radio stations and television stations informing of the new Doniphan County website which can be found at www.dpcountyks.com.

Commissioner Horner recommended the transfer of Noxious Weed Director Francis Hubbard to the Second District road shop upon closure of the Noxious Weed Department for the season on November 1, 2016 until the Department re-opens on March 1, 2017. The Board made no objections.

Commissioner Horner informed the County Board minimal road maintenance would be completed on a portion of 200th and Mineral Point Roads to allow farmers access to fields during harvest.

Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to accept the low bid of Jim Miller Construction for the installation of a tube on 260th and Buffalo Roads (Section 10, Township 2 Range 19E) in an amount not to exceed \$25,900.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to accept the low bid of Kiefer Excavating for installation of a tube on 205th Road (Section 9, Township 3, Range 19E) in an amount not to exceed \$14,400.00. Commissioner McKernan cast a nay vote.

Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to have the Road Department install a tube on Eminence Road (Section 32 Township 2, Range 19E) as soon as possible to complete the FEMA repair project. Motion carried.

Aging Administrator Joi Davies along with Doniphan County Library District No. 1 Board Members Kathleen Twombly and Dan Glenn and Librarian Maggie McKeithen were present to discuss Doniphan County Library District No. 1 paying a portion of the utility costs at the Lincoln School Building in Elwood, Kansas, which houses the Elwood Library Branch along with the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center. Administrator Joi Davies told the County Board the Library Board has agreed to pay \$200.00 per month for their portion of utility costs at the building. Commissioner Horner made a motion to accept the monthly payment by Doniphan County Library District No. 1 for assistance with utility costs at the Lincoln School Building in the amount of \$200.00 per month. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion and it carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with employee health insurance premiums beginning January 1, 2017 stating the employee paid portion of the insurance would increase 17% for employee/child coverage; 39% for employee/spouse coverage and 34% for family coverage. Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay the employees portion of the health insurance increase from the Employee Benefit fund for 2017 and bid out the County health insurance for 2018. Commissioner Horner seconded the motion. Commissioner McKernan cast a nay vote.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the purchase of a 36" x 120' tube for a tube replacement project on Peck Road, south of 175th Road, in the amount of \$3,817.80. Motion carried.

Road Supervisor Bob Edie informed Third District County Commissioner Jerry McKernan that the 36" x 120' tube for 165th Road is in stock and will be set once the Corp of Engineers drains enough water in the area to allow for installation.

Discussion was held in regard to making repairs to 180th Spur Road in order to get the roadway opened back up to thru traffic. Road Secretary Martha Wiedmer stated the County is waiting on a final report from the Natural Resource Conservation Services Office in order to know the specifications on required repairs as part of the 75/25% matching federal grants program.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase eight 24" x 30' tubes at a cost of \$3,916.08. Motion carried.

Chairman Collins asked Road Supervisor Bob Edie to compile a cost estimate for the relocation of Friendship Road, near 250th Road, in Section 28, Township 2, Range 20E.

At 9:16 A.M. the Board took a 5-minute recess.

Commissioner Horner advised Road Supervisor Bob Edie of the need to perform road maintenance on Kennekuk Road, north of 150th Road, in order for farmers to access fields during harvest.

Road Secretary Martha Wiedmer presented the Board with the Road and Bridge expense report for the month of September 2016 for their review.

Correspondence was presented to the Board from the Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Projects regarding the requirements and specifications for replacement of bridge structure T32-1 located on Mineral Point Road, north of Troy, Kansas, during 2018.

At 9:43 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Horner, to enter into executive session for a period of 10-minutes for the purpose of discussing matters relative to and protecting the privacy of non-elect personnel. Motion carried. The County Clerk and Road Supervisor remained.

The meeting reconvened at 9:53 A.M. with no action taken.

At 9:54 A.M. Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to enter into executive session for a period of 15-minutes for the purpose of discussing matters relative to and protecting the privacy of non-elect personnel. Motion carried. The Road Supervisor remained.

The meeting reconvened at 10:09 A.M. with no action taken.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion and it carried.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2016.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Timothy D. Collins, Chairman