

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 31, 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. JD Euler observed a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Fee report for the month of October 2016 was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk.

Currently there are 18 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Board the Troy High School National Honor Society would be performing a community service trash pick up on 195th Road, west of Troy, Kansas on November 12, 2016. Commissioner Horner will contact Road Foreman Danny Adkins to collect the bagged trash and dispose of at the County landfill.

Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1 run statistics report for the month of September 2016 was presented to the Board for their review.

Correspondence was presented to the County Commission from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP). The EWP Program helps project sponsors implement emergency recovery measures to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by a natural disaster that causes a sudden impairment to a watershed. NRCS has completed a required on-site damage assessment and determined four areas meet the criteria for EWP program funding. However one site in particular, 180th Spur Road (old Highway K7) west of Troy, Kansas, is an exigent project currently creating an imminent threat to life and property. NRCS has determined a rough estimate for stabilization construction and anticipated materials to be \$41,800, with Doniphan County responsible for 25% of the cost (\$10,450), which may be in-kind. All recovery measures will need to be completed within 10 days from the time NRCS receives funds for exigent projects. Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to purchase 1,000 ton of rip rap from Whetrock, Inc. at a cost of \$15.50 per ton to make emergency repairs to 180th Spur Road as required by the NRCS office. Motion carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented, on behalf of Road Secretary Martha Wiedmer, engineering fees paid out by Doniphan County for the time period 2013 to present totaling \$123,545.70 or approximately \$32,229.00 annually.

It was the consensus of the Board of County Commissioners to purchase a power steering column from Mack in the amount of \$2,500.00 to repair the 2005 Mack truck used for snow and ice removal.

Commissioner Horner informed the County Board repair work on 200th Road, off of Mesquito Creek Road, has ceased due to the area containing an underground spring. Extensive road work will need to be completed in the area before rip rap can be dumped. Commissioner Horner notified the adjoining landowner.

The 2016 rock price list for Hamm Quarry was reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Appraiser Danielle Kiefer reviewed with the Board of County Commissioners correspondence from Property Valuation Division Director David N. Harper, regarding non-compliance of the annual sales ratio study for 2015. Appraiser Kiefer stated the deficiencies have been corrected and she sees no issues for the upcoming year.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce informed the County Board of the resignation of Registered Nurse Marillyn Fenley effective November 9, 2016. Jennifer Sharp, RN rescinded her letter of resignation and remains employed with the Doniphan County Health Department on a part-time as needed basis.

Sheryl Pierce, Health Department/Home Health Administrator, informed the County Board of the hiring of Registered Nurse Bethani Jarrett full-time effective November 1, 2016.

Commissioner Collins told the County Commission the tube replacement project on 260th and Buffalo Roads is complete and the roadway open to thru traffic.

Commissioner Collins said tube maintenance work will be needed on 270th Road to widen the roadway and make it safe for travel.

Commissioner Collins updated the Board on the FEMA tube replacement project on Eminence Road, saying it is 1/3 complete by the Doniphan County road employees. Kiefer Excavating has not yet commenced work on the 205th Road tube replacement project.

Aging Administrator Joi Davies presented the Board with bids for the purchase of vinyl flooring for the Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center as follows:

Carpet Plus	\$1823.00
Eckards	\$2552.00

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Horner, to approve the purchase of vinyl flooring for the Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center out of Title III funds from Carpet Plus in the amount of \$1823.00. Motion carried.

JD Euler requested a tube on 165th Road be replaced, as the ground near 2335 165th Road holds a lot of water. The current tube is blocked by beaver dams. Commissioner McKernan advised the tube for the area is in stock and Rock Ridge Steel Company has been contacted to fabricate metal grates for each end of the tube to prevent beavers from damming up in the future. Commissioner Collins stated the Board of County Commissioners would view the area before making any decision on installation of the tube.

At 9:24 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to enter into executive session for a period of 15-minutes for the purpose of discussing and protecting the privacy of non-elect personnel. Motion carried. The Aging Administrator, County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

The meeting reconvened at 9:39 A.M. with no action taken.

Aging Administrator Joi Davies requested permission to hire Chad Furr as a part-time driver for Doniphan County Transportation Department at a rate of \$9.50 per hour. Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to hire Chad Furr on a part-time basis for the Doniphan County Transportation Department. Motion carried.

County Attorney Charles Baskins stated there is a misunderstanding amongst the Board in regard to the County's bid process and reviewed Kansas Statute 19-214 with them. Although Kansas law sets out the standard for bid requirements, the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County have always had a long standing policy that all projects and purchases must be bid regardless of the amount. The Board of County Commissioners must choose to follow their long standing policy or change it for all County Departments. The Board took no action.

Road Supervisor Bob Edie inquired about the purchase of 5,000 ton of shot rock at \$10.00 a ton from Whetrock, Inc. for road repair projects countywide. Discussion followed on the status of the Road and Bridge budget. Commissioner McKernan suggested borrowing \$50,000 from the K-7 Road Improvement fund for the purchase of shot rock with the intent to repay the money from the Road and Bridge Fund. The County Clerk advised against borrowing money from the K-7 Road Improvement Fund as it was designated when received from the Kansas Department of Transportation for future improvements of old K-7 Highway, now known as 180th Spur Road. Commissioner Horner said the roadway will need to be chip sealed in 2017 and funds from the K-7 Road Improvement fund will be used for that purpose. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase shot rock on a case by case basis for each road project once presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Michele Payne, Representative with Senator Jerry Moran's district office, called on the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Payne said Senator Moran's office is looking into the potential of federal funding through the federal highway funding program known as FAST, to help Doniphan County with road repair projects. Commissioner Collins said Doniphan County has concerns with shortage of funding for suffering infrastructure (roads) and lack of mental health funding.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the Board of County Commissioners the Clerk's office will be open Saturday, November 5, 2016, for extended hours from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. to allow for early voting in advance of the November 8, 2016 General Election.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 A.M. Commissioner Horner seconded the motion and it carried.

DATED THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2016.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Timothy D. Collins, Chairman