

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 21, 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 absent.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2016 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of November 30, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Horner inquired about the status of the tube replacement project on 205th Road. Commissioner Collins stated Kiefer Excavating has completed the tube replacement. The First District road crew still needs to haul rock to finish up the project.

Commissioner Collins updated the Board on relocation of Friendship Road, located in the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 2, Range 20E, stating the building of the roadway has begun with the assistance of adjoining landowners Jed Johnson and Ronald Schneider.

Road Secretary Martha Wiedmer informed the County Commission Doniphan County is still awaiting the arrival of federal funds through the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection Program in order to begin repair work on 180th Spur Road, southwest of Troy, Kansas.

Commissioner Horner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to amend the Doniphan County Shared Leave Policy by allowing an employee to donate an unlimited number of days per year to the leave bank, subject to the employee having at least 40 days of sick leave time accumulated. Employees leaving employment with Doniphan County will be allowed to donate all unused sick leave to the leave bank. In addition, the number of days an employee can request from the bank was amended to 10 days within a 30 day period. Additional days in a 30 day period will be subject to approval by the Disability Review Committee. Commissioner McKernan cast a nay vote.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to hire Ruth Gabriel as a part-time driver for the Doniphan County Transportation department at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, upon the request of Aging Administrator Joi Davies. Motion carried.

The Board held discussion with Road Supervisor Bob Edie in regard to tube replacement project on 165th Road. Commissioner McKernan and Road Supervisor Bob Edie will view area once the water table is down to a level where the current tube can be evaluated to determine the depth for placement of a 36" tube. Once the tube is installed, rip rap will be placed along the edge of the roadway to keep the water from washing out the sides of the county road.

Road Secretary Martha Wiedmer updated the Board of County Commissioners on Engineer Schwab-Eaton PA's timeline for the High Risk Rural Roads high reflective road sign replacement project.

Secretary Wiedmer informed the Board the cut off date for rock hauling will be December 9, 2016.

KANZA Mental Health CEO David Elsbury and Sheriff Chad Clary met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the 2017 KANZA Mental Health contract. Discussion centered on professional counseling services for inmates of the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center which are billed at a rate of \$50.00 per hour by KANZA. Mr. Elsbury presented the Board with a summary of charges for inmate services from January through August 2016 in the amount of \$762.50. Doniphan County appropriates \$28,144 annually for mental health services to KANZA Mental Health pursuant to the provisions of KSA 19-4004. In addition, Doniphan County allocates a portion of the County's liquor tax collections to KANZA Mental Health for substance abuse counseling. Commissioner Collins said he would be in favor of allocating a portion of the County's liquor tax collections to the three County school districts to be used for early substance abuse prevention programs. Mr. Elsbury requested if the Board chooses to give a portion of the liquor tax to the school districts; that they still give KANZA Mental Health \$1,000.00 annually for substance abuse counseling services offered by Mirror, Inc. for uninsured clients. The Board took no action on executing or amending the 2017 contractual agreement between Doniphan County and KANZA Mental Health.

Sheriff Chad Clary asked the Board of County Commissioners if they had given any consideration to his request to amend the holiday policy to allow employees who work on an actual holiday, instead of a county observed holiday, be paid at a rate of twice their regular pay. Commissioner Horner said he was in favor of making the policy change. Commissioner Collins and Commissioner McKernan agreed to wait and review the holiday pay policy when the Board of County Commissioners reorganizes in 2017.

Susan Studer, in public comment, asked the Board of County Commissioners to consider allocating at least 1/3 of the County's liquor tax collections to the three county school districts to be used for substance abuse prevention programs, as 37% of the clients seen by KANZA Mental Health for substance abuse counseling are under the age of 17.

Mrs. Studer asked Commissioner McKernan for his reasoning of voting no on amending the Doniphan County Shared Leave Policy. Commissioner McKernan indicated he voted no because he needed additional time to review the policy.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:13 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion and it carried.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Timothy D. Collins, Chairman