

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 9, 2017

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 Thad Geiger, 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 Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meetings as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 17, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve abated taxes to the 2016 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$648.54. Motion carried.

Currently there are 12 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Collins called for public comment. The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart informed the Commission he would be making no further comment as a public citizen, he is strictly attending to report the actions of the County Commission for the official county newspaper.

Aging Administrator Joi Davies formally invited the Board of County Commissioners to attend the January Aging Site Council meeting to be held on Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission WCA Hauling of Kansas City would be assessing a monthly fee of \$21.36 to haul away the recycled material in the Abitibi bin located behind the Doniphan County Health Department, currently being used by the County and public for recycled paper materials. Clerk Franken asked the County Commission if they wished to continue with the service and pay the monthly expense from the Solid Waste fund. The Board took no action pending communication with the City of Troy and Troy USD 429 on the status of recycle bins located at their facilities.

Commissioner McKernan stated the Doniphan County Transfer Station building needs to be cleaned up and painted. Observer Susan Studer suggested obtaining pictures of other facilities owned by Deffenbaugh Industries to compare to the condition of the Doniphan County facility.

Road Secretary Martha Wiedmer informed the County Board Ebert Construction would be moving in equipment to begin replacement of bridge T 433-3 on 190th and Saratoga Roads, beginning January 30, 2017.

Road Secretary Wiedmer will obtain costs to place permanent identification decals on the trucks owned by the Road Department.

Commissioner McKernan inquired about large road projects to be completed this year. Road Supervisor Bob Edie stated there will be some large road tubes that need to be replaced. Second District Road Foreman Danny Adkins said there are some large road projects in the Second District that will commence once the weather dries up.

Chairman Collins told Road Supervisor Bob Edie to obtain chat prices for the 2017 season and contact each of the cities to get an estimate on the amount of chat needed.

Commissioner Geiger asked if the County had developed a long term road and infrastructure plan. Road Supervisor Edie stated the Road Department does not have a long range plan they just try to reseal the hard surfaced county roads every other year, with some needing to be resealed every year depending on the weather.

County Attorney Baskins asked First District Commissioner Collins if he had obtained the legal description on property purchased from Kathleen Twombly and Fred Twombly for the relocation of Friendship Road. Commissioner Collins said he would get the legal description from Clark Land Surveying in order to proceed with the real estate closing.

Commissioner Collins inquired about the delinquent tax foreclosure sale. County Attorney Baskins stated the first round of letters have been sent to delinquent property owners, some delinquent taxes have been collected and a second round of letters will be sent in February 2017.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng requested permission to relocate the Red Cross trailer, used to store cots for emergency situations, to the Third District Road Shop location. The Board of County Commissioners made no objection.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve sending a temporary work easement to landowner David Royce Christensen for property located in Section 25, Township 3, Range 20E, in order for Doniphan County to do repair work along 180th Spur Road, also known as Old Highway K7. Said work will coincide with USDA Emergency Watershed Protection grant funds in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Services offices, for project known as Site 2. Motion carried.

Observer Susan Studer inquired about the number of road employees employed by road district, as well as, insurance benefits for each employee. Chairman Collins advised the First District employs 8 full-time and 2 part-time, Second District 8 full-time and Third District 2 full-time, with a third employee shared with the Second District. Due to HIPAA regulations information on individual employee's health insurance benefits was not disclosed.

Mrs. Studer asked for Sheriff Chad Clary's attendance at the County Commission meeting to address her concern with overtime hours accrued by Deputies of the Sheriff's Department during 2016. County Clerk Franken advised the Sheriff was out of the office for the day. Mrs. Studer stated if the Sheriff does not appear she would call for an audit of the Sheriff's department. County Attorney Baskins reminded Mrs. Studer by Kansas State Statute the Board of County Commissioners cannot require the Sheriff to appear and have no statutory authority over the Sheriff other than budget and policy and procedures as set forth by the Board of County Commissioners. County Attorney Charles Baskins suggested Susan Studer make an appointment with Sheriff Clary to have her concerns addressed.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion and it carried.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY 2017.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Timothy D. Collins, Chairman