

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 16, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, 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 observed the entire regular meeting. Others present for a portion of the meeting included First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Second District Road Foreman Nick Poppo, Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes, Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Murphy Tractor Representative Jacob White, Foley Equipment Representative Kevin Bell, Sheriff Chad Clary, Appraiser Danielle Kiefer, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the December 9, 2019 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve \$1,000.52 abated taxes and \$366.02 added taxes to the 2019 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of December 16, 2019 as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of November 2019 were presented on behalf of the Sheriff for the Board's review.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 8 local, 5 Wyandotte County and 18 Atchison County inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners paused for a moment of silence in honor of and offered their condolences to the family of Lawrence "Larry" Hunsaker former Elwood Police Chief and current Investigator with the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department, who passed away unexpectedly December 11, 2019.

Commissioner McKernan thanked Custodian Richard Blanton, Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris and Dennis McKittrick, Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center Maintenance Custodian, for their work in clearing the courthouse sidewalks and steps of snow prior to opening for the day's business. The Board of County Commissioners shared Commissioner McKernan's sentiments.

Second District Road Foreman Nick Poppo stated the road district is clearing snow from county roadways and performing maintenance on equipment during inclement weather.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes presented bids for replacement of furnace in the Third District road shop building as follows:

Danny King	\$2,190.00
Pierce Heating & Cooling	\$1,990.00

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to accept the low bid of Pierce Heating and Cooling for purchase and installation of new furnace in Third District road shop. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price informed the Board of County Commissioners replacement of bridge structure T418-1 on Friendship Road, south of 110th Road, in Section 33, Township 4, Range 20E with road tube is complete.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris told the Board of County Commissioners USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) watershed project on Mineral Point Road in Section 23, Township 4, Range 21E has been completed with placement of road tube, road rock and shaping of banks.

Director Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with additional Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects that have been viewed by representatives of the Natural Resources Conservation Service District (NRCS), landowners, Road Foremen and himself which meet criteria for repair under the partnership program between the NRCS Office, Doniphan County and landowners.

- Randolph Road Section 13, Township 4, Range 21E – tube replacement, reshape and reseed road banks, rock road with landowner to bore tile pipe.
- Monument Road Section 12, Township 4, Range 21E- road ditch clean out, reshape and reseed road bank.
- 150th Road Section 4, Township 4, Range 21E – reshape road ditch, add ditch liner, shape banks and reseed.
- Lonestar Road Section 5, Township 5, Range 21E – reshape ditch bank to help with drainage.
- Mineral Point Road Section 9, Township 3, Range 21E – stabilize roadside, ditch work needed for proper drainage, shape and reseed.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to complete the above stated conservation projects in conjunction with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Office and landowners in order to prevent water run off onto county roadways and stop soil erosion, with Doniphan County's services to be in-kind. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chad Clary presented the County Commission with a proposal to change compensation for the Dispatch TAC officer from \$50.00 per month to \$0.50 per hour effective with the November 21, 2019 pay period. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to accept Sheriff Chad Clary's request to change compensation for the Dispatch TAC officer from \$50.00 per month to \$0.50 per hour effective November 21, 2019. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Clary updated the Board of County Commissioners on the increase of inmates being housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center, saying inmates were relocated from the Atchison County jail after a small electrical fire was caused from water penetrating an electrical panel after an inmate flooded a nearby cell. Doniphan County agreed to house 18 of Atchison County's 57 inmates.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into a 2020 annual agreement with Jackson County, Kansas, for removal of Household Hazardous Waste material at a cost of \$25.00 per hour for pick up and mileage at a rate of \$0.58 per mile, plus disposal costs. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Satter with Glacial Hills RC&D Council updated the Board of County Commissioners on local and regional rural development projects in Northeast Kansas during 2019. Current developments include the Northeast Kansas Rural Business Development program which provides resources and support to entrepreneurs who are starting, growing and expanding small business. Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation a program assisting rural entrepreneurs with free and confidential business coaching. The Glacial Hills Enterprise Center provides business counseling, marketing and business planning assistance to businesses in Northeast Kansas. The Glacial Hills Food Center is a shared-use commercial kitchen incubator that assists food entrepreneurs with starting food-based businesses, located in Horton, Kansas. The Glacial Hills Resource Center is a business incubator that assist entrepreneurs with starting or growing an existing business. Glacial Hills RC&D Council is exploring becoming a Community Housing Development Organization that would enable the building of moderate income housing to address the need for affordable housing in rural communities. Watershed and Protection Strategy programs for water quality and soil health improvement. And, Glacial Hills Scenic Byways bringing economic development into rural communities through tourism.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to make payment for 2019 financial support to Glacial Hills RC&D Council in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Appraiser Danielle Kiefer informed the Board of County Commissioners the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation, evaluated land flooded during 2019 that is or was underwater and not foreseen to be planted during the 2020 crop year. Said land values will be changed from crop to grass, thereby reducing the assessed valuation for many taxing entities affecting 2021 budgets. Appraiser Kiefer said once affected ground comes back into production valuations will revert back to crop values. The Appraiser is working on making necessary changes and will have appraised values for the Board's review on or before March 1, 2020.

Leah B. Johnson, Economic Development Director, discussed with the Board of County Commissioners application and criteria for development of an Economic Development Growth Initiative program. Director Johnson will complete a program model and application for review by the County Attorney and Board of County Commissioners prior to finalizing and opening up to County Businesses to submit applications for economic growth purposes.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with bid specification sheet for replacement of four 2015 John Deere motor graders, as reviewed by Road Foremen. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the bid specification sheet as presented, solicit bids for replacement of four 2015 John Deere motor graders and set bid letting date as of December 30, 2019. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Bell, Foley Equipment Representative, addressed the Board of County Commissioners in regard to Caterpillar motor grader options and differences in specifications between the Caterpillar and John Deere models. Chairman Geiger requested any difference in specifications as bid be noted on bid proposals for the Board of County Commissioners consideration.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris also presented the Board of County Commissioners with year-to-date expenses for 2012 Freightliner trucks, per their request. Truck #2 2012 Freightliner in Second Road District \$4,302.88 and Truck #4 2012 Freightliner First Road District \$9,472.20. The Board requested Manager Norris obtain information on value of trucks for the Board's future consideration to trade or upgrade.

The Board of County Commissioners took no action on increasing the speed limit on Last Chance Road, outside the Troy City limits, leaving it posted 45 mph from the intersection of 180th Road north to Troy City limits.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with a contractual agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and Schwab-Eaton, PA for engineering services on replacement of bridge structure RS 160, located on 180th Road, in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation Short Span Bridge replacement program. The Board of County Commissioners tabled action.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve the following road expenses: Franken Auto Parts \$385.44, Victor L. Phillips \$4,402.96 (roller repair), Murphy Tractor \$855.45 and J&A Traffic \$760.00. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with year-to-date Road and Bridge expense report for their review.

County Attorney Charles Baskins asked for the Board of County Commissioners consideration in adding additional warning signage to 165th Road, at the intersection of K-238 Highway, to warn motorist of the approaching intersection due to the large number of accidents, including several fatality accidents in recent history. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will look into signage and warning devices for the Board's consideration.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:01 A.M.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman