

## **DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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 and Susan Studer observed the entire meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the December 17, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of December 31, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve added taxes in the amount of \$35.28 and abated taxes in the amount of \$1078.42 to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of December 2018 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk and Sheriff.

Currently there are 14 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

Chris and Carla Walter appeared before the Board of County Commissioners, with Mr. Walter addressing the Board in regards to an incident involving the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department and asked the County Commission to adequately fund the Sheriff's Department budget to allow for the purchase of body and car cameras for Sheriff's Deputies. Chairman Geiger thanked Mr. Walter for his comments, stating his points were well taken and the safety of everyone is of concern to the Board of County Commissioners.

Treasurer Lindsay Etherton gave the Board of County Commissioners an update on first half 2018 property tax collections, stating over 50% of total taxes had been collected. Chairman Geiger asked for the procedure when insufficient funds checks are written for payment of property or motor vehicle tags and taxes. Treasurer Etherton said the check is sent a second time through the bank, if still insufficient the check is then sent to the County Attorney for collection.

Commissioner McKernan asked County Treasurer Lindsay Etherton about the possibility of the Treasurer's Office performing driver's license renewals additional days of the week. Treasurer Etherton said she has had no further inquiries from the State of Kansas Department of Revenue about the County Treasurer's Office performing driver's license renewals on behalf of the State. However, County Clerk Peggy Franken and Treasurer Etherton have held discussions about County Departments within the courthouse providing employees to assist with driver's license renewals additional days per week, with no further action taken.

At 8:50 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Sheriff's Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 8:55 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. The County Clerk remained.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve 2019 cereal malt beverage license for Weiland's Grocery. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve 2019 Kansas County Commission dues in the amount of \$325.00. Motion carried.

At 9:00 A.M. public hearing was held for the purpose of renewing and extending for a period of 5-years the Doniphan County Neighborhood Revitalization Program. There being no public comment, Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to adopt County Resolution 2018-06, a Resolution extending for a period of 5-years the Doniphan County Neighborhood Revitalization Program effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried. Said Resolution has been recorded and is on file in the office of the County Clerk in Resolution Book 3.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with draft copies of changes to the 2019 Employee Personnel Policy regarding severe weather and sick leave, for their consideration during the January 14, 2019 reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Noxious Weed Director Francis Hubbard presented the Board of County Commissioners with the 2019 Kansas Department of Transportation agreement to treat noxious weeds along State rights-of-way. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, not to enter to an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to treat noxious weeds along State rights-of-way at this time and focus on treating noxious weeds and woody brush along County rights-of-way. Motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Francis Hubbard announced his retirement from Doniphan County effective March 29, 2019. The Board of County Commissioners thanked him for his years of dedicated service to Doniphan County. An advertisement for the Noxious Weed Director's position will be placed with the position to be filled by March 1, 2019.

Discussion was held in regard to increasing the amount of compensation in lieu of health insurance for county employees, along with granting 2019 pay increases, action was tabled until the January 7, 2019 County Commission meeting.

Chairman Geiger informed the County Board he inquired with Herzog Contracting Corporation about the purchase of a chip spreader no longer in use and will meet with representatives of Herzog in the future to discuss additional options for hard surfacing of county roadways versus chip seal.

Commissioner Collins asked for a Board decision on the number of miles of roadway to be chip sealed during the 2019 season in order to begin hauling chat. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission washed chat from Hamm's Quarry would cost \$15.25 per ton. The Road Foremen will be contacted to produce a list of roadways to be chip sealed for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners at their January 7, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Collins also requested a list of areas in the county where guardrail needs to be installed along county roadways.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve invoices to Schwab-Eaton, PA for construction and administration engineering on the 165<sup>th</sup> overly project in the amount of \$1083.10 and 2020 Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge application in the amount of \$700.83. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the following expenditures: R&B Supply \$348.60, Michael Todd Company \$751.58 and Zamzow \$458.54. Motion carried.

At 9:55 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relative to attorney-client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order at 10:05 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Susan Studer asked the County Commission to take into consideration the total employee benefit package when considering pay increases and starting wages. She also voiced an opinion about the purchase of body and car cameras for Sheriff's personnel.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:17 A.M.

DATED THIS 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2018.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman