

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 25, 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. Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart, Susan Studer and Troy High School Seniors Lizzie Schultz and Skylee Myers observed the entire regular meeting.

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

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular meeting as written.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of February 28, 2019 as presented.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve abated taxes to the Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$2,460.84.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 13 local inmates.

Susan Studer thanked the motor grader operator for maintaining and widening 205<sup>th</sup> Road allowing for two-way traffic, following inclement weather. Chairman Geiger said the County is aware there will be road issues following the winter weather and the road crews are working to address bad spots.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood presented bids for the purchase of a replacement computer for the Aging Office:

Lock It Technologies LLC	\$1,157.00
Dell	\$1,096.48

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to accept the best bid of Lock It Technologies LLC do to the company currently performing technological support for Doniphan County.

Administrator Wood informed the County Commission the Doniphan County Public Transportation Department would be retiring the red 2013 Dodge Caravan from rotation and will be using it as a backup van.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster presented the Board of County Commissioners with a proposal from Lock It Technologies LLC to maintain Doniphan County departmental email addresses at a cost of \$144.00 per month, with each department to pay the cost based on the number of email addresses assigned per department. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to accept the proposal of Lock It Technologies LLC to maintain Doniphan County departmental email addresses under one umbrella.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster asked for the Board of County Commissioners consideration in compensating her for time spent performing technology services for each of the county departments. The Board requested Ms. Shuster put together a proposal for the Board's consideration.

Correspondence was presented to the Board from Doniphan County Planning and Zoning regarding public hearing to be held on March 13, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. for consideration of proposed zoning change for Michael H. Foley at 434 Monument Road, Wathena, Kansas, to establish a rock quarry and ag lime operation on the property.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and representatives of Rainbow Communications Angie Kreider and Stacy Simmer, along with County resident Matt Woodruff, met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the USDA's ReConnect Program, an initiative to connect rural areas that currently have insufficient broadband service. Director Johnson explained in order to determine Doniphan County's qualification in applying for USDA funds an engineering map would need to be developed for Doniphan County. She presented the Board with a proposal from RVW Inc. of Columbus, Nebraska, in the amount of \$580.00, to create a broadband map of Doniphan County including the most recent FCC 477 data. Once developed, the broadband map would be used to determine broadband service areas and as a foundation for future economic growth. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to enter into an agreement with RVW Inc. to create a broadband map of Doniphan County at a cost of \$580.00.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve Doniphan County's membership in the Kansas Economic Development Alliance at a cost of \$300.00 annually.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price requested permission to purchase a 30' Triple S tow rope from Highland Hardware at a cost of \$720.84. Chairman Geiger said although a tow rope would be a good investment, as it would be safer than using chains, a lot of issues over the last couple of weeks where a wrecker service was needed to pull out county road maintainers were caused by human error and could have been prevented. Action was tabled.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Commission with a request to purchase two (2) motor grader tires for the Second Road District from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$951.27 each. No action was taken pending contacting local vendors to determine if tires can be purchased locally.

Mrs. Norris also presented the Board with bids for the purchase of thirteen (13) large truck tires for the Second Road District:

Deluxe Truck Stop LLC	\$4,918.00
Todd's Tire	\$4,918.00
Firestone	\$5,139.12
Kansasland Tire	\$5,513.00

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to accept the bid of Deluxe Truck Stop LLC in the amount of \$4,918.00, as no local vendors can source the tires locally.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve the following unauthorized expenditures: Henke \$267.76 (First District V plow repair) Triple L Tire \$720.00 (8 trailer tires Second District) Holliday Sand & Gravel \$1,109.43 (Second and Third Districts sand) and Franken Auto Parts \$688.40 (First District maintenance filters).

Commissioner Geiger asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Road Foreman Sean Price to remind motor grader operators to leave a skimming of snow on hard surfaced roads and not gouge the roadways with scarifying or motor grader blades. Mrs. Norris told the County Commission school bus routes will need to be addressed following winter weather.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the Board of County Commissioners of the passing of former County Treasurer Jacqueline Linck's husband, Gary. The Board was in agreement, should his funeral service be held during the work day, to allow offices wishing to attend the funeral service to post a notice and close during the service time.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:46 A.M.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman