

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 14, 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 absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart, Susan Studer, Chris Gaither, Paul and Anita Rounds observed the entire meeting. Paul Smith and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce observed a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion on increasing on-call compensation. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the January 7, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve added taxes in the amount of \$400.54 and abated tax in the amount of \$22.92 to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 15, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Currently there are 16 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

Due to observation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Paul Smith asked the County Commission why the roadways in the Second Road District were not bladed following the weekend snow storm. Second District Commissioner Geiger followed the advice of Second District Road Foreman who indicated the roadways were too soft and felt more damage would be done by blading the roads. Commissioner Geiger said going forward road crews in the Second District will blade all roads following snow storms, with any damage done as a consequence to be addressed. First District Commissioner Collins said the First Road District bladed both hard surface and rock roads, until the roadways became too soft to maintain.

Chairman Geiger executed a letter to the Federal Government authorizing County Clerk Peggy Franken as the entity administrator for SAM's Registration.

Chris Gaither asked the County Board at what snow increment roadways are bladed and suggested the County look at purchasing rubber cutting edges for the grader blades to prevent cutting into the county roadways while blading snow. Commissioner Geiger thanked Mr. Gaither for his recommendation and asked that he forward more information on rubber cutting edge for motor graders onto the County for their consideration.

Susan Studer stated several citizens were concerned about the lack of snow removal on county roadways following the weekend snow storm and asked the County to be better prepared in the future.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce asked the Board of County Commissioners to increase compensation for on-call pay from \$1.50 per hour to \$2.00 per hour.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to increase the on-call pay from \$1.50 per hour to \$2.00 per hour for all pertinent county departments. Motion carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with sales tax collections in the amount of \$42,644.64.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to increase the monthly compensation for the TAC Officer within 911 Dispatch from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to enter into an annual contractual agreement with Jackson County, Kansas, for disposal of household hazardous waste materials beginning January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes presented the Board of County Commissioners with cost estimates to repair the roller used for patch in the amount of \$8,200.00. Action was tabled pending discussion on selling the roller and rental of equipment used seasonally.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners information on Big Iron Auctions for their review.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase a tarp frame for truck #194 in the Third Road District at a cost of \$1,801.00 and purchase three additional tarps for the Second and Third Road Districts. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve unauthorized Road and Bridge expenditures to Bolin Auto \$354.45, JA Traffic \$1,565.00, Foley Equipment \$303.46 and CCL Professional Cleaning Products \$355.46. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with Township road improvement fund balances and year-to-date Road and Bridges expenses for 2018, for their review.

Discussion was held in regard to placing matted material on roadways prior to rocking, on a trial basis, as a way to preserve the roadway. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will obtain cost estimates for the Commissioners consideration.

Commissioner Collins informed Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris he received a telephone call about a mail box being knocked down on Runnymede Road by the County maintainer. He asked the caller to contact the Road Department.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold discussion at their January 22, 2019 meeting in regards to a long range road plan and improvements to hard surfaced roadways.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:43 A.M.

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman