

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 28, 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 observed the entire regular meeting. Others present for a portion of the meeting included First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

The Board of County Commissioners observed a moment of silence and prayer for Doniphan County Treasurer Lindsay J. Etherton.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion on Noxious Weed Director winter role and non-elect personnel executive session. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of October 31, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 13 local inmates and 6 Wyandotte County inmates.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price informed the County Commission repairs to the #8 Kenworth are pending waiting on parts. Jackson Lawn Equipment will install snow plow blade on the Foreman's pickup October 29, 2019. The DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) System is out of the #175 672 John Deere 2017 motor grader, the leased machine will be repaired by Murphy Tractor. Foley Equipment will bring a Caterpillar 140 motor grader to the road shops for demonstration purposes. And, Chris Adelman, Husker Steel, viewed a bridge structure on Elgin Road in Sections 18 and 19, Township 4, Range 20E in order to make recommendation and cost estimate for repair to the piling and cross bars.

Second District Commissioner Thad Geiger told the County Board the Second Road District is completing tube replacement project on Ottumwa Road in Section 22, Township 4 Range 21E. They are cooperating with the Natural Resources Conservation District on a Regional Conservation Partnership Program for a watershed project located on Monument Road in Section 23, Township 4, Range 21E. Finally, the road crew will be making plank repairs to bridge structure located on Randolph Road in Section 30, Township 4, Range 22E.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to approve rental of a lift from Duke Rentals for the week of November 4, 2019 to continue tuck pointing project on the courthouse building at a rate of \$800.00 per week.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson informed the County Commission of her planned attendance at the Kansas Economic Development Alliance conference in conjunction with the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting and Kansas Department of Transportation long range planning meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners tabled action on foundation repairs to the Doniphan County courthouse annex building pending further discussion.

Hillary Edwards with Willdan Performance Energy called on the Board to follow up on previous discussion with Willdan Performance Energy compiling an energy needs assessment study on County owned facilities. The Board of County Commissioners took the proposal under consideration.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng presented the Board of County Commissioners with County Resolution 2019-05, a Resolution adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region K Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Collins made a motion to adopt County Resolution 2019-05 as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Said Resolution has been recorded and is on file in the office of the County Clerk in Resolution Book 3.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to close the courthouse to the public on Wednesday November 13, 2019 from the hours of 1:00 P.M. through 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of performing required courthouse security ALICE training. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris was present to discuss equipment needed for road side maintenance. He will put together a proposed plan for the Board of County Commissioners consideration at their November 4, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Geiger, County Chair, asked for discussion on the Noxious Weed Director's role during the off-spray season. It was decided the position would maintain county road rights-of-way during the off-spray season by way of tree and brush removal. And continue to work with Natural Resources Conservation District Office on Regional Conservation Partnership Program watershed projects.

Commissioner Collins stated the County Road Districts should look at replacing Freightliner trucks, which are of high maintenance to the County. The Board asked for further information on make, model, value and repair costs prior to making a decision.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will work on a plan for stockpiling road rock for use during the winter months.

The Board of County Commissioners executed Kansas Department of Transportation project programming request for 2021 Off-System Bridge Replacement Program for structure T831-1 on 195th Road east of Troy, Kansas, in Section 15, Township 3, Range 21E.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the following road expenditures: Rolling Prairie \$330.80, J&A Traffic Products \$412.50, J&A Traffic Products \$325.00, Franken Auto Parts \$442.22, Murphy Tractor \$393.84 and Central Power Systems \$861.12. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:01 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the County Treasurers office with the meeting to reconvene in the office of the County Commission at 10:25 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The County Clerk remained. Deputy County Treasurer entered at 10:10 A.M. and left at 10:16 A.M.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to increase the Deputy Treasurer's compensation to County Treasurer salary during the absence of the County Treasurer effective October 28, 2019. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to allow the County Treasurers Office to work 8-hour days during the absence of the County Treasurer. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to allow Deputy Treasurer Nicole Diveley carryover of unused 2019 vacation hours into 2020 due to the absence of the County Treasurer. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of a thank you from the Highland Senior Citizens Center for new dishwasher and capital improvements to the building.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:31 A.M.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman