

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 8, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, 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 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 meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of May 2020 was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 1 Wyandotte County and 8 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners expressed their sympathy, thoughts and prayers to employees Hailey Hundley and Shirley Clary on the loss of their daughter and great-great granddaughter Blaine Clary.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with sales tax collections in the amount of \$43,634.71 and May 2020 departmental cash and expense report for their review.

Doniphan County Conservation District 2021 budget request in the amount of \$30,800.00 was presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration. No action was taken pending preparation of the 2021 Doniphan County budget.

Chairman Geiger informed the County Commission he held a telephone conversation with Mike Hey, Waste Management District Operations Manager, to discuss operation of the Doniphan County transfer station on Saturdays. Due to low customer counts Waste Management made a decision to close the transfer station to the public on Saturdays and sent notice to Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris in May of this year. Per an agreement between the Doniphan County Board of Commissioners and Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc., doing business as Waste Management, the transfer station shall be open to the public on Saturdays between the hours of 8:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Mr. Hey, on behalf of Waste Management, will send Doniphan County a proposal for their consideration to opening the transfer station to the public on the second Saturday of every month, with the stipulation if there is a greater need, days would be extended.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng informed the County Commission the electrical unit which operates the courthouse generator is out. She is seeking bids to repair the unit, replace

with a 50kw model or 60kw model. The generator supports the 911 dispatch center and sheriff's department radios when electrical power is out. In the event of a power outage prior to repair of the generator, the law enforcement center will rely on E-Dispatch but will have no radio to radio communication.

Commissioner McKernan asked about storm damage in the towns of Elwood and Wathena during the early morning hours of Wednesday, June 3, 2020. Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng said she is working with the National Weather Service to determine if damage was caused by tornadic activity or straight-line winds. One home in Elwood was destroyed and several sheds and garages damaged, as well as several trees uprooted or knocked down.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price presented the Board of County Commissioners with an invoice from Westfall GMC Truck Repair for repair work to the #46 2005 Mack dump truck in the First Road District in the amount of \$12,816.47. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair bill on the #46 2005 Mack dump truck in the First Road District. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held in regard to replacing rock trucks in the Road Department. The Board of County Commissioners requested the Road Department present them with an inventory of trucks in the county fleet along with mileage and condition for future discussion.

Foreman Price said the First Road District will be completing patch work this week and the Road Department has plans to begin chip sealing the week of June 15, 2020 weather permitting.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the Board of County Commissioners Herzog Contracting Corp. has half inch asphalt (chip) millings for sale at \$15.50 per ton for the Board's consideration on using as an alternative to chat for chip sealing county roads. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will reach out to Buchanan County, Missouri, to gain insight on how asphalt millings worked compared to chat prior to the Board taking any action on purchasing to use on a trial basis.

Road Office Manager Norris informed the Board of County Commissioners Norfolk Contracting and Husker Steel would begin bridge repair work on structures T314-1 on Elgin Road and T133-1 on 190th Road at the end of June first part of July 2020.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, presented the Board of County Commissioners with a price quote from Engineer David Beach with Schwab-Eaton, PA to perform Geo-Tech boring services on Peck Road near the intersection of 245th Road in Section 23 Township 2 Range 21E in the amount of \$7,500 to \$9,100 depending on shared mobilization credit being applied and if analysis is performed for shoring and/or laying back slope. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve Geo-Tech boring services on Peck Road in the amount of \$7,500-\$9,100. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Norris said she has reached out to the Army Corp of Engineers to assist with repairs to Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, in Section 5, Township 4, Range 22E where the Missouri River is cutting back into the road base and suggested the Board take no action on a Geo-Tech study on Monument Road until she hears back from them.

Road Office Manager Norris also told the Board of County Commissioners Emergency Management Director Julie Meng has asked FEMA for an extension to remove debris from stream under bridge structure located on Buffalo and 295th Roads, following high water event in

2019. Norris said removal of the large debris will need to be contracted out, as the County does not have equipment to perform the work and will need to be completed after fall harvest.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce presented the Board of County Commissioners with bids for the purchase of two computers for the Health Department with COVID-19 grant funds and NCRI funds to pay the cost.

LockIT Technologies	\$1,633.00 each
Prolific Technologies	\$2,179.98 each
ProServ Business Systems	\$2,269.97 each

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to accept the low bid of LockIt Technologies and purchase two computers for the Health Department at a cost of \$1,633.00 each with the expense paid for with COVID-19 grant and NCRI funds. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Administrator Pierce discussed staffing needs with the Board of County Commissioners, stating a full time Registered Nurse will be retiring in November 2021 and part-time Registered Nurse will also be leaving the Department. In addition, part-time Home Health Aides are maxed out on census numbers for homemaker services they can provide, therefore Pierce would like to hire a part-time Home Health Aide, a full time Registered Nurse and part time (PRN) Registered Nurse. The Board of County Commissioners asked for census numbers, payroll costs and budgeted expenses prior to taking action.

Commissioner McKernan said he was contacted about concern with concrete scrap having metal in it being used to shore up county road banks.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission she and Deputy Treasurer Nicole Diveley will hold a teleconference this week with David Harper, Kansas Department of Revenue Director of Vehicles, to discuss county staff conducting driver's license services.

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

DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman