

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 26, 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, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, First District Road Foreman Sean Price and Travis Owen were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of May 29, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the Board of County Commissioners a tire collection will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at the Second District Road Shop located at 302 W. Robertson St. Troy, Kansas, from the hours of 8:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion for Doniphan County to pay the cost of the first 10 passenger tires with the expense charged to the Solid Waste Fund and limit the tire collection to Doniphan County residents only and exclude commercial businesses. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission, on behalf of Second District Road Foreman Nick Popple, of issues with the County's Wolfpack roller. Discussion was held in regard to exploring rental options to assist with road projects and selling the Wolfpack roller. Norris will obtain rental cost estimates for the Board's consideration.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris also presented the Board with specifications for 2018 Western Star rock trucks for the Board's review in consideration of purchasing trucks to replace current inventory.

The Board of County Commissioners executed an agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Doniphan County, Kansas, for participation in the Kansas Department of Transportation Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program for replacement of bridge RS160, a short span bridge located on 180th Road northeast of Severance, Kansas. The Kansas Department of Transportation will reimburse Doniphan County for 90% of the total actual cost up to \$200,000.00 with Doniphan County responsible for the remaining 10% and additional costs above \$200,000.00.

The Board of County Commissioners executed an Emergency Relief for Federal-Aid Road Construction Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation (Kansas Department of Transportation) and Doniphan County, Kansas, for repair or reconstruction of roads and bridges on Federal-Aid Highway Systems that suffered serious damage from natural disasters over a wide area. Under the agreement Federal Funds will pay one hundred percent (100%) for emergency repairs made within 180 days of the actual occurrence of the natural disaster or catastrophic failure. For work performed after 180 days, the Federal share paid to Doniphan County for reimbursement will be eighty percent (80%). Two projects qualify for Federal-Aid reimbursement 1) replacement of culverts, road material and guardrail at Ash Point Road (RS-201) 0.5 miles north of 240th Road. And 2) reinforcement of wing wall on bridge located at 245th Road (RS-28) and Ottumwa Road.

Commissioner Geiger informed the County Commission the Second Road District, with assistance from the Third Road District, completed patch work on 190th Road in Blair, Kansas, and is working on tube replacement and drainage on Monument Road, south of Geary City.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng met with the Board of County Commissioners to review State of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's amended Phase 2 of the Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Mrs. Meng stated the next phase date of the plan is June 1, 2020 at which time 45 people will be allowed to gather, following social distancing and proper hygiene guidelines. Should Governor Kelly give the directive to enter into Phase 3, all entry doors of the courthouse will be unlocked, screening at the north door will cease and each department will be responsible for screening procedures in each office. Customers are reminded to call if curbside assistance is needed, as County Employees will be more than accommodating.

Emergency Management Coordinator Meng stated the Missouri River is predicted to rise to 17.9' and then start to fall. At 22' feet the river will reach the toe of the levee and at 24' precautionary measures will begin for potential flooding. As of now there are no flooding concerns.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson provided the Board of County Commissioners with COVID-19 incentive resources for businesses. Johnson proposed a Doniphan County Small Business COVID-19 Grant for businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19. Small businesses per the grant are defined as for-profit businesses operating within Doniphan County that have less than 15 employees. Priority will be given to businesses forced to alter normal course of business due to impositions of Emergency Health Orders. Grants will be subsidized using funds from the Doniphan County Economic Development Initiative program. County Attorney Charles Baskins suggested developing a matrix for grant awards, he will determine if applicants can be discussed in executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets.

In other business, Economic Development Director Johnson said she is working with realtors on available properties.

At 9:48 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting reconvening in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:52 A.M.

County Attorney Charles D. Baskins presented the Board of County Commissioners with Doniphan County Resolution 2020-06, a Resolution authorizing the disposal of a certain tract of real estate owned by Doniphan County, Kansas, by vacating and transferring its interest in said property to the adjoining land owner pursuant to KSA 19-211(a)(5). Said real estate is described as follows:

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 19 East of the 6th P.M., described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of said Quarter Section; thence South along the West line of said Quarter Section 121.0 feet; thence East 361.8 feet to a point 121.0 feet South of the North line of said Quarter Section; thence North 121.0 feet South of the North line of said Quarter Section; thence West along said North line to the place of beginning, and

A tract of land in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 19 East of the 6th P.M., described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeast Corner of said Quarter Section; thence South along the East line of said Quarter Section 121.0 feet; thence Westerly 538.2 feet to a point 121.2 feet South of the North line of said Quarter Section; thence North 45.0 feet; thence Westerly to a point on the West line 76.5 feet South of the Northwest Corner of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter Section; thence North 76.5 feet to the North line of said Quarter Section; thence East along said North line to the place of beginning,

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2020-06 and set public hearing for June 15, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Said Resolution has been recorded and is on file in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk in Resolution Book 3 Page 233.

County Attorney Charles D. Baskins presented the Board of County Commissioners with a rough draft of Doniphan County Resolution 2020-07, a Resolution declaring minimum maintenance roads. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review.

County Attorney Baskins updated the Board of County Commissioners on delinquent real estate tax foreclosure sale.

Chairman Geiger asked for a copy of the agreement between Deffenbaugh Industries, doing businesses as Waste Management, and Doniphan County, Kansas for operation of the Doniphan County Transfer Station for Board review.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price told the Board of County Commissioners when previous tire bids were accepted four (4) steering tires for Western Star rock trucks were not obtained. Foreman Price and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will determine if tires were specified and not ordered prior to the Board of County Commissioners taking action.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase two tires and a rim for backhoe #65 in the First Road District from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$1,546.83. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:22 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:30 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried. 3-0. The County Clerk and Travis Owen remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Travis Owen as Equipment Operator in the First Road District affective June 1, 2020. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF MAY 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman