

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 21, 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. Third District County Commissioner Jerry McKernan and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins arrived at 8:44 A.M. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis, Second District Commissioner-elect Wayne Grable, Third District Commissioner-elect Bobby Hall and First District Road Foreman Sean Price observed the entire meeting. Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Public Health Coordinator Kay Smith, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Second District Road Foreman Wayne Carter were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include update on purchase of Meals on Wheels van using CARES Act SPARK (Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas) funding, approval of District Court expenses and non-elect personnel executive session. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2020 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$106.54. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented information to the Board of County Commissioners on the purchase of a 2019 Ford Transit 250 4x2 cargo van from Olathe Ford to be used for the Meals on Wheels program. She stated Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris will inspect the vehicle on behalf of the County. The \$25,900.00 cost will be paid using SPARKS (Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas) funds under the Federal CARES Act program. Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase a 2019 Ford Transit 250 4x2 cargo van from Olathe Ford to be used for the Meals on Wheels program with payment made through SPARK funding in an amount not to exceed \$25,900.00, contingent upon inspection. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay expenses above District Court budget authority in the amount of \$10,871.83 for attorney's fees and computer equipment for District Court recording system. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into contractual agreement between Schwab-Eaton, PA and Doniphan County, Kansas, to perform interim bridge inspections on 23 bridges, including 3 structures for scour erosion, pursuant to Kansas Department of Transportation requirements, in the amount of \$5,175.00. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA have inspected box culvert on Coronado Road, in Sections 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E and will put together a proposal for replacement.

Second District Commissioner-elect Wayne Grable asked about rock stockpile funds held at Hamm's Quarry. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris stated the County has asked for stockpile funds to be reimbursed to Doniphan County due to no product in stock, no timeframe in which Hamm Quarry intends to return to Doniphan County or the type of product they will produce if they should return to the county.

At 8:54A.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 9:04 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk, Road Office Manager, Second District Road Foreman and Commissioners-elect remained.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to terminate employment of Second District Road Employee Floyd Moppin effective December 21, 2020. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce and Public Health Coordinator Kay Smith were present to discuss extension of county-wide mask mandate to help combat the spread of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). Administrator Pierce gave the Board information showing 24 active COVID-19 cases in Doniphan County as of December 13, 2020. She recommended a two week extension of County Resolution 2020-11, a Resolution requiring the wearing of masks or other face coverings, enforcement of quarantine and isolation orders within Doniphan County, Kansas. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to extend Doniphan County Resolution 2020-11, a Resolution requiring the wearing of masks or other face coverings, enforcement of quarantine and isolation orders within Doniphan County, Kansas, for a period of two weeks with review January 4, 2021. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commission with November 2020 department cash and budget summary report for their review. Clerk Franken said the District Court is over budget, as well as General (maintenance) fund, however the overall County General fund is within budget authority. The General (maintenance) fund is over budget due to SPARK fund expenses being paid out and reimbursed through the CARES Act.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to execute the Third Addendum to Agreement Regarding Ambulance Services between Doniphan County, Kansas, and the City of Troy, Kansas, agreeing to pay the City of Troy \$144,000.00 per year, payable in twelve monthly installments of \$12,000.00 on or before the 15th of each month, beginning January 15, 2021 for operations and administration of the Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1 ambulance service. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Geiger asked the Board of County Commissioners to take under consideration employee pay increases to be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Board.

County Attorney Charles Baskins opined on Robert Williamson's proposal to quit claim to Doniphan County, Kansas, a portion of property located near the Second District Road Shop in Section 20 Township 3 Range 21E, Lot 5 Block H within the city limits of Troy, Kansas, for \$1.00. Mr. Williamson would provide a non-exclusive private road easement over the area currently used to access Main Street from the county road shop property for \$1.00. Doniphan County would be responsible to provide all legal work, acquire and install a 24" culvert from the open junction area for drainage pipes (southwest corner of Main Street) extending southeast across the Williamson driveway, remove abandoned drainage structures south of the junction area and restore driveway to pre-existing condition, all subject to 99-year lease agreement between Robert Williamson and Doniphan Electric Cooperative. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in special session at 8:30 A.M. December 31, 2020 for the purpose of approving final accounts payable warrants for 2020.

At 9:40 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:45 A.M.

At 9:45 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 10:02 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Commissioners-elect remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:03 A.M.

DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman