

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 28, 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 and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan arrived at 9:05 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 and Third District Commissioner-elect Bobby Hall observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Public Health Coordinator Kay Smith and Health Department Office Manager Jessica Robinson were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include 2021 wage increases and rescinding of County Resolution 2019-04. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of December 31, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to approve added taxes to the 2020 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$1,218.40. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 7 local inmates.

Third District Commissioner-elect Bobby Hall asked the County Commission if volunteer firemen would be responsible for paying an administering fee to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Board of County Commission tabled discussion until Sheryl Pierce, Health Department/Home Health Administrator could be present.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented sales tax collections in the amount of \$48,408.96.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into contractual agreement with Jackson County, Kansas, for hauling and disposal of Doniphan County household hazardous waste material at a cost of \$25.00 per hour plus \$0.58 per mile and disposal costs, beginning January 1, 2021. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Notice of property cleanup located at Elgin and 150th Road in Denton, Kansas, was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of Northeast Kansas Environmental Services.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to pay 2021 Kansas Association of Counties dues in the amount of \$2,909.26. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve expenses to Jack Horner in the amount of \$560.00 for guardrail bolts and Schwab-Eaton PA for engineer and design services for replacement of bridge structure RS 160 in the amount of \$10,527.92. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners a report on Road and Bridge expenses through November 30, 2020 for their review, along with Township Road Improvement fund balances.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, reminded the public that those with medical issues should contact the Doniphan County Road Department (785) 985-3535 to be placed on an emergency route road list to ensure their roads are priority during inclement weather.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to extend county landfill farm lease to tenant Jared Meng for the 2021 season at a rate of \$194.00 per acre for 22.5 tillable acres. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner McKernan arrived at 9:05 A.M.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Public Health Coordinator Kay Smith and Health Department Office Manager Jessica Robinson were present to discuss re-opening the Health Department to the public due to closure from the coronavirus (COVID-19). Pierce stated the Health Department is currently offering all services remotely via appointment and has a waiver from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment not to offer WIC Services until 30-day past the emergency declaration expiration. She stated the Health Department is awaiting the arrival of face recognition thermometer and set up of disinfectant mister prior to re-opening. Office Manger Robinson expressed concern with opening the Health Department to the public while currently performing COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, putting elderly and infants at risk.

Health Administrator Pierce reported 4 active COVID-19 cases in Doniphan County as of December 20, 2020.

Chairman Geiger asked Administrator Pierce if volunteer firemen or members of the public in general will be charged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. She said there is a \$20.00 administering fee, however the cost is submitted to health insurance and not paid by the client. If a client does not have insurance, there is no administering fee charged. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins asked Health Administrator Pierce who would be giving the vaccines and if the Health Department has a plan in place to address adverse reactions to the vaccine, for liability purposes. Pierce said the Health Department will utilize the same practices and procedures used for administering all vaccines given at the Health Department.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to accept the resignation of Registered Nurse Sandra Simpson effective January 20, 2021. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held in regard to 2021 wage increases. Commissioner Collins made a motion to grant \$1.00 per hour across the board pay increases to all county employees and \$1.50 per hour pay increase for all elected officials effective January 1, 2021. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Commissioner Geiger cast a No vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to rescind County Resolution 2019-04, a Resolution stating “it shall take a unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners to hire, terminate the employment of or reassign a County District Road Foreman.” And amend to state “it shall take a simple majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners to hire, terminate the employment of or reassign a County District Road Foreman”. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Commissioner Collins cast a No vote. Motion carried 2-1.

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 within the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:06 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Commissioners-elect remained.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to grant Chris Schultz an additional \$1.00 per hour pay increase effective January 1, 2021. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting on December 31, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. for the purpose of approving year end warrants.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:08 A.M.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman