

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 11, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 9:25 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Wayne Grable, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis, First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Bernard Smith, Janis Grable, Michael Grable and Michael Cluck observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Due to observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday the Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to extend the countywide mask mandate pursuant to 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, until February 22, 2021. Commissioner Hall seconded. Commissioner Grable cast a no vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce reported 19 active COVID-19 cases in Doniphan County the week of January 3, 2021 through January 10, 2021.

Commissioner Grable asked for the Board of County Commissioners' thoughts on long and short term plans for operations of the Road and Bridge Department, with discussion to be held at their January 25, 2021 County Commission meeting.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with pictures of Monument Road, south and west of Wathena, Kansas, in Section 5 Township 4 Range 22E. The road is continuing to slough off into the Missouri River creating a roadway hazard. She stated concrete road barriers and lighted traffic barrels have been placed along the roadway warning motorists, the concrete barriers continue to slide off the roadway as well. The US Army Corps of Engineers has previously been contacted, however does not believe the road issue is due to the Missouri River channel cutting back into the roadway. Per US Army Corp of Engineers recommendations Doniphan County Road Department installed drainage tile under the roadway to drain water from the west bluff east into the Missouri River. The Board requested Road Office Manager Norris contact the US Army Corp of Engineers to discuss a geo tech survey in order to drive piling to prevent the roadway from further deterioration until the roadway can be permanently fixed. Commissioner Hall asked for additional barricades to be placed for motorist safety.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, told the County Commission Road Improvement Fund rock stockpile reimbursement from Hamm's Quarry has been received for Independence and Iowa townships. The monies have been placed in the cash accounts of both Independence and Iowa Township Road Improvement funds to be used for the purchase of rock.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented a contractual agreement between Schwab-Eaton, PA, Terracon and Doniphan County, Kansas, for geotechnical engineering services in the amount of \$5,900.00 for replacement of Bridge T831-1 located on 195th Road, east of Old Kiowa Road, Troy, Kansas, in Section 15 Township 3 Range 21E. Replacement of Bridge T831-1 is part of the Kansas Department of Transportation 80-20% Off-System Bridge Replacement Program for replacement of fracture critical bridge structures. No action was taken pending review of the bridge structure by the new members of the County Commission.

Mrs. Norris asked the Commission to begin discussions on the 2021 chip seal season in order to purchase product and secure oil prices. She also gave the Board a copy of most recent rock prices by quarry, the biennial bridge inspection agreement between Doniphan County and Schwab-Eaton, PA for their review and a list of tires needed for the Second and Third Road Districts.

Commissioner Hall said he would like to look at the quality of rock being purchased by the County for county roadways prior to the County buying.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay invoice to Highland Hardware in the amount of \$521.16 for First District Road Department expenses. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to appoint Steve Schultz Deputy Road Foreman over the Second Road District. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable stated he intends to retain Jerry Wayne Carter as Second District Road Foreman with future discussion to be held in regard to appointing the Second District Road Foreman to serve over both the Second and Third Road Districts.

County Clerk Peggy Franken updated the Board of County Commissioners on Coronavirus Relief Funding received from the CARES Act and administered by the Kansas Governor's Office of Recovery. Franken stated of Doniphan County's \$1,572,725.00 received from the State of Kansas the following was paid to sub recipients of the County to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus as follows: USD 114 \$314,876.54; USD 429 \$211,038.98; USD 111 \$274,102.80; City of Troy \$31,636.82; City of Wathena \$25,703.90; City of White Cloud \$59.14; Ambulance District #1 \$14,030.29; Highland Community College \$179,802.50; Library District #1 \$19,509.47; Doniphan County Services and Workskills \$4,168.90, City of Highland \$1,794.85 and City of Elwood \$3,709.92. Doniphan County for profit and non-profit business grants received \$186,180.93 for working capital, personal protective equipment and technology for remote communications, per specific requirements of the SPARK (Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas) taskforce. Doniphan County retained \$306,109.96 for Covid related expenses, of which \$48,000.00 was deposited into the County General fund to offset administrative expenses, payroll costs and future purchase of meals on wheels van.

Clerk Franken also presented the County Commission with December 2020 departmental cash and budget summary for their review.

At 10:02 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 Economic Development department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:07 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission the Road Department has trouble with keeping tires on the patch machine from blowing out and asked about having the tires sent off to be foam filled. The Commission asked Foreman Price to obtain a cost for their consideration.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman