

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 9:30 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 present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris was 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.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of February 8, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of February 16, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 4 local inmates.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with Road Department expenditures for the month of January 2021 for their review. She also informed them repair work on the 2018 Western Star rock truck should be complete by the end of February or first part of March 2021.

Discussion was held between Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and the Board of County Commissioners regarding road maintenance agreement on county line roads shared with Atchison County. Due to Atchison County having a Township Road Unit system and Doniphan County a County Road Unit system, the Atchison County township board will need to be contacted. If an agreement does not exist one will need to be drawn up between Doniphan County and the Atchison County township board.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, reported a current balance in the Federal Funds Exchange account of \$225,712.82. Doniphan County will have the option of exchanging Federal dollars into State dollars in the amount of \$68,748.64 for year 2021, which will increase the account balance.

Norris asked the County Commission to consider entering into an agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation for the Local Road Safety Plan Program, as future projects through the High Risk Rural Roads Program are in jeopardy of not being funded for lack of participation.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to chip seal only county owned roads during the 2021 chip seal season or require cities, schools, churches and other jurisdictions to reimburse the County for labor and equipment costs, in addition to product costs. Commissioner Collins said a lot of communities and civic organizations don't have revenue sources to be able to afford chip sealing on their own and taxpayers within those jurisdictions pay taxes to the County Road and Bridge fund to help with the service. Therefore, he (Collins) would not be in favor of having them reimburse the County for additional costs. Commissioner Grable asked that action be tabled in order to take under consideration. Motion died lack for of second.

At 9:45 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data related to the Road Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Berwick Oil Company, also known as Davies Oil, submitted a corrected tire bid based on original bid specifications in the amount of \$32,955.92. Neumann Services had previously submitted a bid based on original bid specifications in the amount of \$32,132.78. Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the low bid of Neumann Services for the purchase of tires for the Road Department in the amount of \$32,132.78. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall said he has been in contact with a local contractor who has broken up concrete slabs with no rebar available for the County to haul and use as fill along Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, in Section 5 Township 4 Range 22E where the roadway is sloughing off along the Missouri River.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Board the First District is waiting on an evaluation and cost estimate for repair work on the 2012 Freightliner.

Commissioner Hall recommended the Board of County Commissioners make a determination on a road that benefits all road districts and begin the process of taking down road banks, building up the road, shaping, ditching and rocking. Hall suggested 150th Road. Commissioner Grable agreed with 150th Road as it will benefit all road districts and connect the east and west ends of the county. The Board agreed to get a cost estimate to contract out the project, including time and labor versus the County's cost of time and labor to complete the project.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman