

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 5, 2021

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 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. Bill Huss, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Chamber of Commerce President Marty Allen were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include non-elect personnel executive session with Economic Development Director. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of March 29, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 14 local inmates.

Bill Huss requested road rock on a two mile stretch of Freeport Road from US Highway 36 to 190th Road. He said the road hasn't been rocked for several years, the first mile will need rocked all the way with the second mile needing spot rock. Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Huss to contact the First District Road Department to get placed on a list for road rock. Commissioner Grable asked Mr. Huss to notify Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to make a formal request for road rock. Norris who was present for a portion of the conversation, said she would notify the First District Road Department and made note of the request for the road file.

Mr. Huss asked if there were any requirements stating Township Officials must live in the County. County Clerk Peggy Franken said for election filing and voter registration purposes the requirement is based upon where the person claims as their residential address.

Bill Huss told the Board of County Commissioners he appreciated them opening the County Commission meetings with the flag salute.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission the First Road District has placed on hold tube replacement on 150th and Friendship Road due to impending weather over the next couple of days. Utility locates have been called in for several projects in the Second Road District. Commissioner Grable said the Second Road District is working today replacing culvert and completing road work on Sheridan Road in Section 29 Township 2 Range 22E near the Jerry Bauman residence.

Norris told the County Commission Monument Road in Section 5 Township 4 Range 22E has sloughed off again following fill and bank stabilization repair, presenting them with a picture of the current condition. Commissioner Grable said he spoke with Contractor Dennis Muse who suggested the Road Department continue to haul in concrete fill to build up the area alongside the roadway, the other option is to drive piling. Once the Second District completes culvert project on Sheridan Road they will begin hauling in fill material. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will reach out to Kenneth Wade, US Army Corp of Engineers, for repair suggestions. Norris will also ask the Road Department to place flashing cones along the area to warn motorists.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the purchase of rip rap for road repair project on 215th and Larkinburg Road. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris the status of repair work on 150th Road beginning at Port William Road west to Ottumwa Road. Lindsay said she has given Road Foreman Wayne Carter a copy of the map and asked him to do an assessment of the road to determine the extent of work needed. Commissioner Grable asked that the road crew have everything lined out and ready to begin work during the summer months.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported the 2018 Western Star rock truck has been repaired and returned to the Third Road District. She will check with Midway Ford on repair work warranty.

Commissioner Hall asked about the amount of equipment and number of employees in each road district. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave each Commissioner an equipment schedule by road district. Commissioner Hall suggested hiring a motor grader operator whose only responsibility would be grading roads throughout the entire county. Commissioner Collins said the operator would need to be put in the First Road District, blading roads for the entire First District all day. Commissioner Hall asked why an operator couldn't be hired to do the entire county. Commissioner Collins said because it can't be done right if trying to do the entire county. Commissioner Hall said the First Road District has 12 employees and not enough equipment to keep all operators busy. Commissioner Collins said the Road Foreman keeps the staff busy maintaining roads and checking culverts during rainy weather. Collins continued saying the Commission could hire someone in the First Road District tomorrow, letting them set their own hours blading roads when weather permits. Commissioner Grable said dysfunctions in the Road Department will not be fixed until the Road Department is run as a county unit with one person overseeing the entire department. Commissioner Hall suggested the Second and Third Districts work together on hiring an operator to blade roads throughout the two districts.

Commissioner Hall said he was contacted by a Township Officer questioning where Township Boards have the authority to purchase rock. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said Township Boards have the authority to purchase rock from any quarry they wish.

Commissioner Grable asked the status of repair to the 2005 Mack dump truck in the First Road District. Commissioner Collins said the road crew called Mayday Trucking Service to have it checked out but have yet to do so. Commissioner Grable said he spoke with Jeff Jamvold of Mayday Trucking Service who said if the road crew would bring the truck in he would assess for necessary repairs. First District implied the truck couldn't be driven in order to be assessed. Commissioner Grable suggested hauling the truck down in order for it to be properly assessed and to perform an oil sample analysis. Commissioner Collins held a telephone call with First

District Foreman Sean Price asking him to take the 2005 Mack to Mayday Trucking Service for assessment.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with sales tax receipts in the amount of \$65,074.38.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to execute updated Employee Assistance and Anti-Drug and Alcohol policies for the Doniphan County Aging Department. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:18 A.M. Commissioner Grable 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 Office with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:28 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk, Economic Development Director and Chamber of Commerce President remained.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to advertise for part-time Economic Development Office Assistant. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman