

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 10, 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 and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Michael Simmons, Second Road District Foreman Wayne Carter, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Aging Director Diana Johnson, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Emergency Management/Zoning Coordinator Julie Meng were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include 10-minute non-elect Road Department personnel executive session. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve County Commission meeting minutes of May 3, 2021 as written. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of May 14, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of April 2021 were presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 9 local inmates.

At 8:36 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 Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 8:46 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Clerk and Michael Simmons remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to change the status of Michael Simmons employment from full-time to part-time subject to at least 20 hours per week, effective June 1, 2021. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Second Road District Foreman Wayne Carter informed the County Commission approximately 200 ton of rip rap will be needed to build up the base for tube replacement project on 140<sup>th</sup> Road.

Commissioner Hall told the County Commission tube repair is needed on Saratoga Road in Section 18 Township 3 Range 22E. The County Board recommended contacting the Natural Resources Conservation Services Office to determine number of drainage acres. Engemann Drainage District will also be contacted to coordinate on the project due to Rural Water District No. 5 waterline running along road tube.

Commissioner Grable addressed Second Road District Foreman Carter regarding tube replacement on 140<sup>th</sup> Road and other tube replacement project stating old tubes should be loaded up, hauled to the county shop and sold for scrap metal, not left crumbled up in the ditch or alongside the road.

Commissioner Grable asked the procedure for replacement of road tubes and compacting soil around the tube. Foreman Carter said a road maintainer is used to pack the soil. Commissioner Grable said the soil needs to be hand packed on the underneath and sides of the tube in order to ensure it is packed properly to prevent movement and water flow around the tube. Discussion was held in regard to purchasing a compactor for use on the county backhoe. No action was taken. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris suggested the Second Road District Foreman visit with First Road District Foreman Sean Price on the procedure used by the First Road District for placement of road tubes.

Commissioner Grable said tube repair work on 150<sup>th</sup> Road in Section 2 Township 4 Range 21E was temporarily completed in 2020 where an old boiler tube has collapsed. A new tube will need to be ordered and installed.

Commissioner Grable asked the status of MCon Construction Company borrowing road tube from Doniphan County. Second Road District Foreman Wayne Carter said the tube inventory has been replaced by MCon.

Discussion was held between the County Commission, Second Road District Foreman Wayne Carter and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris regarding culvert repair on Peck Road in Section 11 Township 3 Range 21E. Commissioner Grable said the large culvert is being used as an illegal dumpsite and will need to be cleaned out before road work can begin. County Clerk Peggy Franken said in most instances where illegal dumpsites are discovered Northeast Kansas Environmental Services is called to investigate. The Board agreed to contact Northeast Kansas Environmental Services to investigate prior to the Road Department cleaning up.

Commissioner Grable voiced concern with dirt silting county ditches and washing out onto Randolph Road in Section 13 Township 3 Range 21E north of US Highway 36. In addition, the Board voiced concern with the condition of the hard surfaced portion of Randolph Road, south of US Highway 36, at the intersection of 175<sup>th</sup> Road, due to contractor hauling dirt in and out. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will contact representatives of MCon to discuss the County Commission concerns.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission repair to two piers on bridge T133-1 located on 190<sup>th</sup> Road northeast of Severance, Kansas, in Section 18 Township 3 Range 20E has been completed by Husker Steel at a cost of \$80,362.00. The project was originally approved by the Board of County Commissioners in 2018.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve purchase of “slow” and “stop” paddles in the amount of \$582.00 from National Sign Company. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the following Road Department expenses: Foley Equipment \$634.12; Highland Hardware \$506.67 and Dave’s Diesel \$931.00. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall asked for the County Commissioners consideration in purchasing safety shirts to be worn by employees of the Road Department while on duty for Doniphan County. Commissioner Hall suggested employees not complying would be sent home without pay. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will obtain cost estimate for the purchase of safety shirts for employees of the Road Department.

Commissioner Grable requested the Board of County Commissioners receive a report on the amount of rock hauled and purchased at least semi-monthly from the Road Department. Commissioners Collins and Hall concurred.

Commissioner Grable said he was made aware Independence Township has \$40,000.00 in pre-paid rock at Whetrock Quarries that has not been hauled in several years. Commissioner Collins will discuss with members of Independence Township and First Road District Foreman Sean Price.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve cell phone allowance in the amount of \$25.00 per month for Road Office Manager. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to authorize Aging Director Diana Johnson as account representative and grant signature authority on Doniphan County Senior Citizen Site Council bank accounts. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Diana Johnson presented the Board of County Commissioners a list of repairs needed to the Highland Senior Citizens Center building located at 102 N. Kirkwood St. Highland, Kansas. The Board was in agreement to seek bids for necessary repair work.

Emergency Management Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Julie Meng told the County Commission the courthouse ADA accessible lift cannot be repaired and the bottom is rusted through. She will seek bids for replacement.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion with Zoning Administrator Julie Meng regarding reduction of acreage requirement for building in unincorporated areas of Doniphan County from 2 acres to 1 acre. Mrs. Meng said an application would need to be made by the Doniphan County Board of County Commissioners to the Doniphan County Planning Commission for their review and consideration.

At 9:35 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 9:40 A.M.

At 9:40 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters of confidential nature with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with April 2021 departmental budget and cash summary report for their review.

At 9:56 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data related to economic development, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:01 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Economic Development Director remained.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson updated the Board of County Commissioners on the Big Kansas Road Trip spotlighting the counties of Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha held May 6-9, 2021. Director Johnson said approximately 150 visitors toured the Doniphan County Courthouse and County over the 4-day period.

Due to the observance of Memorial Day on May 31, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners will not hold a regular meeting during the week, unless the need for a special meeting arises.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY 2021.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman