

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 28, 2022**

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 and 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. C.B. Lackey, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Second Road District Foreman Sean Price were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of March 21, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of March 31, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the period February 18-28, 2022 was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 5 local inmates.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented the County Commission a revised copy of the Doniphan County Public Transportation Rider's handbook for adoption. Commissioner Grable made a motion to adopt the Doniphan County Public Transportation Rider's Handbook as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Crouse-Johnson told the County Commission the belfry on the Highland Senior Citizens Center building located at 102 N Kirkwood Street, Highland, Kansas has an apparent leak. The Board of County Commissioner asked Crouse-Johnson to contact Seaman & Schuske Metal Works and Roofing to inspect and give a cost estimate for repair.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with Sales Tax collections in the amount of \$59,395.12.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the purchase of polo shirt apparel printed with the Doniphan County Appraiser's logo to be worn while out in the field, attending work events on behalf of Doniphan County and at times in the office. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price informed the County Commission O-ring, oil pump, main engine wiring harness, injector harness and DEF system repairs on the 2012

Freightliner, housed in the Second Road District, are estimated to cost \$6,000.00 by Midway Ford. Discussion followed on replacement of the 2012 Freightliner, along with trade of low boy trailer and Kenworth truck for 2020 Peterbilt from KC Peterbilt. Commissioner Grable will contact KC Peterbilt for truck specifications, equipment trade value including needed repair work to 2012 Freightliner and final truck price prior to the Board of County Commissioners taking action.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission and Road Foremen a list of road complaints her office received following rainfall the week of March 21, 2022. Commissioner Grable told Road Foremen to fix and mark off the list completed projects, with the list to be re-evaluated the week of April 4, 2022 for completeness. Commissioner Hall recommended having equipment maintained during inclement weather and ready when conditions allow.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to set policy for the Road Department stating “When necessary, at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners operators and truck drivers shall work on weekends to address road issues due to inclement weather, with compensation to be granted in the form of payment for time worked or comp time at the employee’s discretion”. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris checked Doniphan County bridge files, currently in the possession of Schwab-Eaton, PA who are performing bi-annual bridge inspections, regarding ownership of bridge T-831-2 on Oxide Road, south of US Highway 36, in Section 15 Township 3 Range 21E. Bridge records indicate Doniphan County’s ownership and responsibility to maintain Bridge T-831-2. Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA recommended 1) applying for Kansas Department of Transportation grant funding to replace the structure. Or 2) removing the structure and building up the roadway, thus also removing the bridge from Kansas Department of Transportation bridge listing inventory, allowing additional grant funding for other bridge repair and replacement projects. The Board of County Commissioners took the Engineers recommendations under consideration.

Manager Norris informed the County Commission of the vandalism to flashing lights on “Road Closed” barricades. Four replacement sets are needed at a cost of \$174.95 each. Commissioner Hall recommended purchasing security bolts as a preventive measure to keep from being stolen. The Board made no objections to purchasing. Foreman Price said Road Employee Dennis Snyder has built anchors to secure barricades to prevent from being removed. Commissioner Grable suggested using old Road Closed barricades where they are needed for long periods of time rather than the newer model ones.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve repair to #200 John Deere Motor Grader in First Road District by Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$1,381.92. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall asked Commissioner Collins the status of widening 110<sup>th</sup> and Elgin Roads. Commissioner Collins said widening of 110<sup>th</sup> Road is complete. Work on Elgin Road is on hold while he works out details with adjoining landowners for removal of trees.

Commissioner Collins proposed chip sealing 130<sup>th</sup> Road in Sections 16 and 21 Township 4 Range 19E at the request of landowner Mark Albers, who will pay the entire expense for the

initial application and continued annual maintenance. Commissioner Grable said pursuant to County Resolution 2014-11 no new roads shall be hard surfaced by way of chip seal or asphalt until all existing roads are maintained and repaired so they are in overall good condition. He would not be in favor of amending or rescinding Resolution 2014-11 until all existing road conditions, including gravel roads, are addressed.

Commissioner Collins requested \$10,000 from the Road and Bridge budget rock line item to rock 130<sup>th</sup> Road in Sections 16 and 21 Township 4 Range 19E. Commissioners Grable and Hall recommended using Union Township Road Improvement funds prior to County Road and Bridge funds.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will obtain a cost estimate for engineering design and bidding services from Schwab-Eaton PA for repair of concrete culvert on Coronado Road, north of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 22 and 23 Township 2 Range 19E.

At 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of attorney-client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:05 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 10:05 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of attorney-client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:10 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

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

DATED THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH 2022.

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

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Wayne Grable, Chairman