

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 4, 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, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, ADA Coordinator Julie Meng and Custodian Richard Blanton were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of March 28, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Fee report for the month of March 2022 was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

Currently the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 6 local inmates.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented sales tax receipts in the amount of \$44,728.45 to the Board for their review.

County Treasurer Nicole Diveley introduced new employees Whitney Edie and Jamie Deffenbaugh to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve repair to truck #2 2012 Freightliner in the amount of \$6,000.00 by Midway Ford Truck Center. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of press release from Highland Healthcare and Rehabilitation on plans to permanently close the skilled nursing facility over the course of the next several months.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Commission a new list of road complaints for the week of March 28, 2022. In addition, Road and Bridge expenditures and Road Improvement Fund balances as of February 28, 2022 were presented for Board review.

Commissioner Collins asked Road Office Manager Norris for 2017 dump truck specifications for Board review.

David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA sent correspondence to the Board of County Commissioners regarding several bridge issues as follows:

T-538-1 low water crossing on Oxide Road Section 35 Township 5 Range 21E with erosion and undermine issues. Maybe the easy solution is to break-up the slope pavement that's undermine use it to fill-in along the wash-out maybe add additional rock to fill-in any voids underneath then, excavate a trench below the streambed (8" – 12" wide x 36" deep) the full width of the crossing and up the bank at the ends, and use wire mesh tuck down into the trench and up the slope then pour back say 6" – 8" depth the slope pavement, and new toe wall. The toe (trench) should help it from undermine and it tied to the new slope pavement using the wire mesh should help it to stay together. In lieu of wire mesh No. 4 rebar could be placed at 18" spacing each way and into the toe wall. Or dig the trench, cut access panels in the existing slope pavement, form the front (dam) and fill using flowable fill via the cut access panels. Use rebar (field bend) to tie the toe wall trench to the new fill.

T-538-2 two bridge structures on Oxide Road in Section 35 Township 5 Range 21E discussed possibly replacing using two 80" pipe we will need to do a drainage study, hydraulic model to see if this is doable.

T-723-1 Steel Beam span bridge in Section 26 Township 2 Range 21E severe sinkhole at SW corner. If I remember correctly the streambed is a rock shelf. Water has managed to backup and caused a cavity to form that finally broke through to the top so if adequately repair/seal-off the base and backfill the void using a combination of flowable fill the bottom 3' or so (as a plug) then use gravel or compacted backfill to fill the remainder of the hole. May need to jackhammer if it's rock to form a trench along the perimeter 8' or so each way of the bottom SW corner (deeper the better). Use No. 4 rebar at 18" spacing to tie the trench toe wall to the flowable fill above. If the streambed is rock may need to jackhammer a min. 6" deep by 8" wide keyway, drill, and grout rebar, form the outside face then fill from the top as noted above. Similar repairs may be needed along the east side. East deck plank needs replaced.

The steel pile at the SW corner looks like it was wedged in and sits on top of the rock shelf it may need to be reset and cross braced to help keep it in proper position. Keep in mind this pile has been like this since 2010 so not overly concerned unless it is beginning to kick out. It may be better to excavate a hole into the rock for it to sit vertically to support the cap. This can be done when excavating the toe wall for the corner repair.

The NE timber pile is rotted at its base needs replaced/shored. It may be possible to wedge a steel or heavy timber pile toed-in (then braced long the bottom and middle of it to adjacent piling) along the inside corner to support that corner of the bridge. The next pile over is comprised of two timber planks (2013) so it should also be reinforced.

Thinking about it this may be a good candidate to replace using the KLBIP program and if use the Oxide Road Bridge as a sacrifice bridge could receive \$200K toward the replacement. Note if the bridge is replaced the piling should be predrilled into the rock pending geology recommendations.

The Commissioners took no action pending review.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, informed the County Commission extra piling in length from 5' to 7' was left over from RS160 bridge replacement on 180th Road in Section 23 Township 3 Range 19E, northeast of Severance, Kansas, for Doniphan County to haul from the job site. Norris said Reece Construction also has 20' sticks left from the project, Doniphan County may be able to purchase at cost for future projects.

Commissioner Collins requested Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris obtain cost estimates for replacement tube on Ash Point Road south of 160th Road in Sections 5 and 6 Township 4 Range 19E.

C.B. Lackey asked County Attorney Charles D. Baskins the status of tax foreclosure sale in Highland, Kansas. County Attorney Baskins said legal publications have been made and process has been served on property owners. Journal Entries are being drafted for judgement to be submitted to the Federal Government. Sale date should take place within 45 days.

ADA Coordinator Julie Meng met with the County Commission to discuss ADA accessible courthouse lift and options for sidewalk ramp into the courthouse building. Representatives with Access Elevator will brace the lift to keep from shifting resulting in the machine becoming inoperable. Mrs. Meng will contact the Kansas Historical Society for alternative options for access into the courthouse building.

At 9:21 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relative to attorney-client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:31 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 9:31 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:36 A.M.

At 9:38 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:48 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Custodian remained.

At 9:48 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of continuing discussion and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:58 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to advertise for full-time custodian and full-time road department operators. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman