

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 8, 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 absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Greg Vertin, Norman Sigrist, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Road Foremen Sean Price and Chris Schultz were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of August 1, 2022 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of July 2022 was presented to the County Commission on behalf of the Sheriff for their review.

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

Greg Vertin, Norman Sigrist, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price and Third Road District Foreman Chris Schultz were present to discuss 10' tube replacement project on Saratoga Road, one mile north of US Highway 36, in Section 17 Township 3 Range 22E. Commissioner Hall opened the conversation by telling the Road Foremen he had not received any complaints on the job the road crew did replacing the road tube. He did however receive complaints on the condition of the road. Out of concern for liability exposure, Commissioner Hall followed up on complaints and viewed the road on Friday, August 5, 2022. He said rock placed over the area of the tube replacement needs to be smoothed out and the road widened to allow two way traffic. He directed the Road department to close the road until today (Monday) when the road crew could blade and rock the area. Commissioner Grable, who has routinely inspected the project, said the area is wet and spongy and not ready to open to through traffic. Grable said he is more than concerned about truck traffic during harvest and asked the Road Department to erect caution signs warning motorists, suggesting the signs stay in place until the road is packed and solid. Commissioner Collins agreed the roadway will continue to settle and will need to be continually rocked until it settles in. Third Road District Foreman Chris Schultz told the County Commission the road crew will continue to blade and rock the road in layers. The County Board requested the road be checked daily to ensure safe driving conditions. Greg Vertin and Norman Sigrist said they appreciated the quick work of the Road department to get the tube replaced but had concerns with the road being opened to thru traffic too soon, not allowing time for the road to settle. Mr. Vertin said his name was brought up suggesting he put pressure on the Road department to get the project done. He made clear he never pressured anyone to get the tube project done, he thanked the road crew saying they did a fantastic job.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair to dozer by Ellis McGuire in the amount of \$715.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mary Winder and Lisa Twombly, representing the SLK, met with the County Commission to request historic records of the SLK (Seekers of Light and Knowledge) be moved from the third floor storage area of the courthouse to a location that is climate controlled in order to preserve historic records dating back to 1879. Commissioner Grable made a motion to relocate one filing cabinet and two boxes of SLK records from third floor storage area to vault located in northwest corner basement area of courthouse, also known as the Economic Development vault. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson told the Board of County Commissioners the sewer line collapsed at the Highland Senior Citizens Center, located at 102 N Kirkwood St. in Highland, Kansas. She is seeking bids for repair of the line, which is located 8' to 10' from the clean out drain, partially under asphalted alley and parking lot. Meals are being prepared at the central Kitchen located in Troy and home delivered to patrons of the Highland Senior Citizens Center until repair work is complete.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission she is in receipt of correspondence from Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA regarding bridge repair projects. She will put together their recommendations and present to the County Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris about "stop" signs approved for the intersection of Mineral Point and 180th Roads. Norris said she has a list of additional road signs to order and will present to the County Commission for approval at a future meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve request and petition on behalf of Rainbow Communications for buried fiber optic cable from the unincorporated area of Bendena, south along Friendship Road, east on 150th Road to K-7 Highway. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the following Road department expenses: Midwest Ready Mix \$7,732.50 concrete for deck on 140th Road bridge, Fleet Pride \$513.55 alternator for #206 2020 Peterbilt and \$1,391.98 for #151 motor grader software update. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said she would be meeting with school districts this week to view school bus routes prior to the beginning of the school year. Commissioner Grable suggested the road department address bus routes in most need of repair, but continue to focus their efforts on rebuilding of 150th Road in order to complete the project prior to fall harvest.

Discussion was held in regard to trimming trees and clearing brush along Elgin Road and 110th Road to the Atchison County line. Commissioner Grable asked for an opinion from County Attorney Charles D. Baskins on the County's authority to treat and spray county right-of-way to eliminate trees and brush from growing back and creating future road hazards. Grable also recommended having Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris attend a meeting with landowners present to discuss the most effective way to treat right-of-way. Commissioner Collins suggested trimming the trees and brush in the county right-of-way prior to fall harvest.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with departmental cash and budget summary for month ended July 2022.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 9:56 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman