

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 19, 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. Noxious Weed Director James (Jim) Norris, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of December 12, 2022, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve added taxes in the amount of \$219.72 and abated taxes in the amount of \$46.24 to the 2022 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 6 local inmates.

Due to observance of the Christmas Holiday, the Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Friday, December 30, 2022 beginning at 8:30 A.M.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris thanked the Board of County Commissioners for 2023 pay increases, saying it was greatly appreciated.

Noxious Weed Director Norris presented the County Commission with a monthly price quote in the amount of \$3,105.90 from Foley Rental for rental of chipper to assist with tree trimming and brush control. Commissioner Hall made a motion to rent a chipper from Foley Rental for a cost monthly cost of \$3,105.90 to assist with tree trimming and brush control beginning January 3, 2023. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve repair work to Noxious Weed fork lift by Wiese USA at a cost of \$2,007.08. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Norris told the County Commission he plans to send out letters to property owners as a reminder to treat noxious weeds and offer his assistance with chemical.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of letter of retirement on behalf of Roger Hopkins, First Road District Operator, whose last day on the payroll will be January 6, 2023, with a retirement date of February 1, 2023. The Board accepted Mr. Hopkins letter of retirement with regret and appreciation.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into 2023 contract with Jackson County, Kansas, for disposal of household hazardous waste material at the Jackson County Recycling Center for a cost of \$0.16 per resident in addition to pick up costs at \$25.50 per hour and \$0.58 per mile. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with a copy of County Resolution 2014-11, a Resolution pertaining to hard surfaced road policy, for their review and future discussion.

Manager Norris informed the County Commission Doniphan County was not selected for the Kansas Department of Transportation 2023 Bureau of Local Bridge Replacement Program however the Road Department will continue to apply for future funding.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase a bundle of road sign posts from National Sign Company in the amount of \$987.50. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission rock hauled in November and part of December will be figured and paid by year's end. She will notify the County Commission of monies remaining in the rock fund, which will be used for stockpile. Commissioner Grable made a motion to divide 2022 remaining Road and Bridge general rock funds equally among the three Road Districts and place in rock stockpile at Serveas Quarries. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay Murphy Tractor for 2,000 hour service call and maintenance in the amount of \$6,590.65 on 2020 John Deere motor grader in Second Road District, with the Road Department to look into servicing the equipment or contracting out locally. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris asks residents who have a medical condition that requires them to be out during inclement weather to contact the Road Office at 785-985-3535 to be placed on emergency snow route list.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price submitted to the Board of County Commissioners a list of equipment no longer in use by the Road Department, along with a list of equipment that is needed, or needs to be upgraded:

1st Road District (Highland Shop)

- 1993 Caterpillar 426B backhoe #65
- 1997 Fiat Allis FD-175 bulldozer #97

2nd Road District (Troy Shop)

- 1978 Caterpillar bulldozer #40
- John Deere 310D backhoe #61
- 2007 Wolfpac double drum roller #188
- Ferguson SP-12 roller #15

3rd Road District (Wathena Shop)

- 1997 Ford F250 4x4 #1
- 2001 Ford F250 4x4 #107

Solid Waste

- John Deere 755B track loader #75

Chip Seal Equipment

- 2005 Etnyre Chip Spreader #37
- 2008 Bomag BW11RN roller #12
- 2005 Bomag BW11RN roller #13
- 1990 International distributor #9
- 1987 GMC distributor #10

Equipment needed:

- Bulldozer (newer)
- Mini excavator

The Board of County Commissioners discussed continuing to contract chip seal projects due to shortage of labor force, disposal of unused equipment, purchase of mini excavator and newer bulldozer with no action taken.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented the County Commission with a proposal to replace the 2015 Ford Transit Connect Meals on Wheels van with a 2021 Ford Transit 250 base cargo van at a cost of \$43,000.00, with \$9,000.00 State Fiscal Recovery Funds for Senior Nutrition Program and 2015 Ford Transit Connect van trade-in value of \$4,000.00 to be used to offset the purchase price. She proposed paying the remaining \$30,000.00 balance from Title IIIC1 and IIIC2 programs. Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase 2021 Ford Transit 250 base cargo van from Olathe Ford in the amount of \$43,000.00 less trade of 2015 Ford Transit Connect van for delivery of Meals on Wheels, with remaining balance to be paid from Title IIIC1 and Title IIIC2 funds. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson informed the County Commission of Strategic Economic Expansion and Development (SEED) grant award in the amount of \$49,125.00 for libraries and childcare and senior programming projects. Director Johnson said the grant award will be given to Doniphan County Library District No. 1 for needed renovations and upgrades at the Elwood Branch, which currently houses the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Center and Doniphan Darlings, a nonprofit daycare center in Highland, Kansas, for the purchase of materials and required shade structure.

At 9:22 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect road department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:27 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Second Road District Foreman and County Clerk remained.

At 9:28 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect road department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:33 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 9:36 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman