

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 22, 2023**

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 Deputy County Clerk Melissa Mott present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Second District Road Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Sheriff Chad Clary, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Ellen Beaman, Rhonda Fernandez with Professional Insurance Consultants and Zoning Administrator Julie Meng were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of May 15, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 9 local inmates.

Due to the observance of Memorial Day holiday, the Doniphan County Commissioners next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Second District Road Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission road crew is continuing to hot patch areas. He also informed the Second District Western Star has been taken to Dave's Diesel for repairs on rear brakes, ABS system and diagnostics for check engine light. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve up to \$2,300.00 to Dave's Diesel for repairs to Second District Western Star. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road dust control agreements between property owners located at 1224 Peck Road, 1346 Larkinburg Road, 1344 Larkinburg Road, 1334 Larkinburg Road and Doniphan County, Kansas, was executed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the Board Schwab-Eaton, P.A. recommended surveys for bridges T-35-2 and T-228-2 to determine the correct volume of rock and repairs needed at \$1,500.00 each bridge. Commissioner Hall made a motion to pay \$3,000.00 for surveys on bridge T-35-2 and T-228-2. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Manager Norris told Commissioners Schwab-Eaton, P.A. will be examining bridge RS-380 located on 240<sup>th</sup> Road west of Highland, Kansas later this week to see if the structure can be repaired or has to be replaced. Bridge RS-380 suffered major damage to wing wall, double barrel box culvert, and floor due to high water the week of May 15, 2023. Dave Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, P.A., recommended bridge RS-380 remain closed until integrity of barrel is inspected. Barricades have been placed at Ash Point Road north of Highway 36 and Castleton Road west of Highland, Kansas to keep traffic off of the bridge. It was recommended all travelers find an alternate route using Highway 36 or other County Roads. Manager Norris informed the Board RS-380 has been on the list of bridges that need immediate attention for several years.

Ellen Beaman is concerned with speeding and rock on Black Jack Road. Mrs. Beaman asked that Black Jack Road be patrolled by the Sheriff's Department due to increased traffic and also offered to help with the cost of rock for Black Jack Road. Sheriff Chad Clary said speed limit on county roads is 55 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted. Second District Road Foreman Price indicated Township Boards should help with rock.

Commissioner Grable informed the Board and Foreman Price of compliments received for grading on 190<sup>th</sup> Road. Commissioner Grable to meet with Foreman Price and Jerry Bauman to look at culvert on 225<sup>th</sup> Road.

Sheriff Chad Clary told the County Commission the air conditioning unit for the computer server room quit working and he will be contacting P1 Service, LLC for repair cost estimate. Sheriff Clary asked for expense to be paid out of New Sales Tax fund. Sheriff Clary to follow up with the Board on price of repairs. No action taken.

Rhonda Fernandez, representative of Professional Insurance Consultants, presented the Board with packets on the tentative timeline for bidding out Doniphan County's 2024 health insurance and discussed other services offered by Professional Insurance Consultants.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce presented bids to replace roof at Health Department located at 201 South Main Street, Troy, Kansas as follows:

A1 Roofing Renovations and Construction	\$22,550.00
Roberts Roofing Co. Inc.	\$38,600.00
Hausman Metal Works & Roofing Inc.	\$58,975.00

The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review of bids.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Pierce and Ellen Beaman, Health Advisory Board member, updated the Board of County Commissioners on the annual Health Department/Home Health Advisory Council meeting held May 11, 2023. Administrator Pierce gave each Commissioner documents from annual meeting including Health Department/Home Health number of visits through 2022, budget income and expense reports for 2022, 2023 budget, 2022 statistics report, survey and quality assurance performance improvement reports with 4 star rating, 2024 budget request, and information on Transforming Public Health in Kansas by Strengthening Our Workforce

grant. Chairman Grable executed the HIPPA and Health Department/Home Health procedures policy manuals and annual program evaluation.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Pierce requested the Board of County Commission raise the starting wage of nurses to \$30.00 per hour to make wages competitive due to nursing shortage and the need for nurses at the Health Department. Administrator Pierce also requested a \$3.00 per hour wage increase for current full and part time nurses. Discussion was held. Commissioner Grable indicated wages need to be reviewed during the budgeting process. Commissioner Hall would like to know reimbursement amounts from Medicaid, private insurance, etc., before justifying increase. Administrator Pierce stated Health Department/Home Health has reimbursed services and is having difficulty hiring staff with current wage. It was the consensus of Board to revisit wages with Administrator Pierce in the following weeks. No action taken.

Zoning Administrator Julie Meng provided information from the Doniphan County Regional Planning Commission for review to the Board for the May 30, 2023 Evergy zoning hearing scheduled at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Collins requested a load of cold patch for First District Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase a load of asphalt for First District Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Grable seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:37 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Mott, Deputy County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman