

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 8, 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 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. Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Rainbow Communications Representatives Angie Kreider and Julie Bergman 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 Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of May 1, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of April 2023 were presented to the County Commission for their review on behalf of the Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

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

At 8:31 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Aging Department personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 8:41 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Aging Director and County Clerk remained.

At 8:41 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Aging Department personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 8:46 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Aging Director and County Clerk remained.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price told the County Commission road patch work has been completed in the Third Road District, with the road crews currently working in Second District and finishing in First District. Following road patch work, a portion of 195th Road east of Troy, Kansas, in Section 15 Township 3 Range 21E will be torn up and rebuilt to install proper drainage.

Commissioner Grable said he viewed Heartland Road where potential tenant James (Jim) Horner flagged the area for fence and gate to be installed for lease of County owned right-of-way in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E. Doniphan Electric Representatives said as long as gate access is allowed to maintain Doniphan Electric power pole there would be no issue with power pole included in fenced area. A separate agreement will be reached on fencing private property between landowners Jim Horner and Sam Smith. Commissioners Hall and Collins will view prior to Board action.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission replacement of bridge structure T-831-1 located on 195th Road east of Troy, Kansas, in Section 16 Township 3 Range 21E will begin June 5, 2023. The project will be partially funded through the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Replacement program.

Representatives of Kansas Department of Transportation contacted the Road Department stating Kansas Highway 7 will remain open during bridge repair project in Section 26 Township 1 Range 19E. Future discussion will be held about access to Denmark Road as the project progresses.

Burr Oak Township Board Members contacted Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, requesting 245th and St. Columbus Road signs be erected leading to Cowger Cemetery. In addition, the Township Board would like to maintain road sides on 245th Road to keep trees from growing up. The Board of County Commissioners made no objection to erecting road signs on 245th and St. Columbus Road intersection and maintaining roadsides on 245th Road County right-of-way as long as maintaining the right-of-way does not cause potential for erosion.

David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA met with Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to view and make repair recommendation on culvert and bridge structures. The following was cited:

- Coronado Road Culvert, north of Highland City limits in Sections 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E. Recommendation for topographical survey to be completed to give most cost effective way to improve the structure, detail easement and right-of-way to assist with final design. Moving forward it was recommended Doniphan County would hire Schwab-Eaton, PA on an hourly basis to come up with a plan for repair and construction bid documents. Commissioner Collins made a motion to have topographic survey performed on Coronado Road culvert at a cost of \$3,500.00 and enter into agreement with Schwab-Eaton, PA on an hourly basis to study survey, draft repair plans and construction bid documents. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge T-35-2 located on 180th Road in Section 21 Township 3 Range 19E. 10' vertical cut across abutment and large amount of debris. Recommendation to place a large wedge of riprap at a 2:1 slope across the full width of the bridge abutment (26') plus extend a minimum of 25' up and downstream from the abutment ends or approximately 76' at each bridge. This would shield abutments

from further scour erosion that threatens the bridge. Place rock after drift is removed.

- Bridge T-228-2 Larkinburg Road in Section 7 Township 4 Range 21E. 12' vertical cut across the full abutment width and large amount of debris. Recommendation to place a large wedge of riprap at 2:1 slope across the full width of the bridge abutment (26') plus extend a minimum of 25' up and downstream from the abutment ends or approximately 76' at each bridge. This is to shield abutments from further scour erosion that threatens the bridge. Place rock after drift removed.

Board of County Commissioners were in agreeance to contract with Schwab-Eaton, PA to develop bridge repair specifications for structures T-35-2 and T-228-2, with projects to be put out for bid to local contractors, if no local interest additional bids will be solicited.

Rubble Reprocessing, LLC (formerly Bromley Quarry) Atchison, Kansas, submitted a rock price list effective April 25, 2023.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair to air conditioning unit on truck #4 located in First Road District by Miller AC Repair in the amount of \$737.79.

Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential trade secrets with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:29 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, representatives of Rainbow Communications Angie Kreider and Julie Bergman remained.

County Clerk Peggy Franken gave the County Commission an update from contractor Bob Rahe on replacement of east courthouse parking lot, which is scheduled to begin on or around June 20, 2023 weather permitting.

April 2023 department cash and budget summary report was presented to the County Commission for their review on behalf of County Clerk Peggy Franken.

Correspondence was received from Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding public comment period for City of Highland, Kansas, wastewater permit renewal.

The Board of County Commissioners and public officials are invited to attend grand opening ceremonies for ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Elwood-St Joseph, located at 502 Roseport Road, Elwood, Kansas, on May 18, 2023 from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Guest speakers will include Elwood United Community Church Pastor Efreem Byrd, ClearSky Health CEO Darby Brockett, Kansas Director of Economic Recovery Jonathan Clayton, Elwood City Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr., Kansas State Representative Dr. John Eplee and Leon Rogers, first patient of ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Elwood-St Joseph.

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

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF MAY 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman