

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 5, 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. 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. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins was absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis and Road Foremen Representative Sean Price observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Ellen Beaman, Optavise Benefits Advisor Aaron Brinkerhoff, Mike Falk, Donnie Miller, Dorothy Brox, Gerald Brox, Jerome Scherer, Raymond Erpelding, Terry Miller, Joann Miller, Henry Scherer and Gerald Hale 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 2-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of May 30, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve abated change orders to the 2022 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$3,676.44 and added tax in the amount of \$1,146.26. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 13 local inmates.

Hugh Kinsey and Corey Franken asked Commissioner Grable to relay to Custodian Laura Winkel their praise for the work she is doing on the courtyard and in the courthouse, saying everything looks really nice.

The executed agreement between the Boards of County Commissioners of Atchison and Doniphan Counties, Kansas, providing for the allocation of responsibility for the construction, repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, culverts and supporting infrastructure located on or near the county line between Atchison and Doniphan Counties was presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to execute Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Funds Exchange Agreement, exchanging Federal Funds for State Funds at a rate of \$0.90 of every \$1.00 for a total exchange of \$63,792.72 for 2023. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price told the County Commission locates have been called in for two projects, one on 175<sup>th</sup> Road in Section 28 Township 3 Range 21E, to repair wash out along the ditch and a second locate on Monument Road 1.5 miles south of Doniphan to the Atchison County line. Price said he met with adjoining property owners on Monument Road who were in agreement to allowing the Road Department to pull in the banks to build-up the road and ditch to allow water to properly drain off the road.

Foreman Price also said 2” rock is available at Servaes Quarries and will be used to finish rocking 195<sup>th</sup> Road west of Kansas Highway 7, for rocking Monument Road south of Doniphan and on Ottumwa Road. Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase up to 3,500 ton of 2” crusher run rock from Servaes Quarries for use on 195<sup>th</sup> Road, Monument Road south of Doniphan and Ottumwa Road, with payment to be made from Road and Bridge General fund. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable said he spoke to landowners along Monument Road regarding irrigation systems putting water out onto the county road. The property owner told Commissioner Grable they tried to fix the system last fall. They discovered the irrigation system was not fixed this spring so they are working to fix the issues with water running out on the county road.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to retain the services of Urban Construction to finish hauling material on Blackjack Road to build up and widen the 240<sup>th</sup> Road detour route, not to exceed \$3,000.00. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson requested permission to enter into contractual agreement with LuAnn Soliah to provide dietary services for preparation, review and consulting on Doniphan County Meals on Wheels menus at a rate of \$100.00 per monthly menu. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review of contractual agreement.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the purchase of four passenger tires from Neumann Services for the Doniphan County Transportation van. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Aaron Brinkerhoff, Optavise Benefits Adviser, called on the Board of County Commissioners requesting permission to meet with County Employees to discuss the option to purchase supplemental insurance through Washington National Insurance. The Board of County Commissioners made no objections to Mr. Brinkerhoff meeting with employees on a voluntary basis.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on Grain Belt Express high transmission line construction Road Use Agreement. No action was taken.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve Kearney Construction building an additional work station in an exam room at the Doniphan County Health Department in the amount of \$4,525.00 with payment to be made from the New Sales Tax fund. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Bids were presented for replacement of roof on the Doniphan County Health Department building located at 201 South Main Street, Troy, Kansas.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the bid of A1 Roofing Renovations and Construction to replace the roof on the Doniphan County Health Department building at a cost of \$22,550.00 with payment to be made from the New Sales Tax fund, subject to bid amount not being void due to expiration of 30-day bid estimate. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce and Ellen Beaman met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss increase in wages for Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Registered Nurses. Administrator Pierce reviewed private and federal medical reimbursements and comparable wages to area health facilities, asking for the base wage for Registered Nurses of the Doniphan County Health Department be set at \$30.00 per hour. She also asked for an equality raise for existing Registered Nurses of \$3.00 per hour. Commissioner Grable said it has been Board policy to review and discuss employee wages in December with new wage rates to go into effect January the following year. He further stated the County Commission must look at all department wages and not one specific department. Ms. Beaman said the request for the mid-year wage increase is due to inability to find help and existing staff exhaustion. Commissioner Hall agreed with Commissioner Grable on the policy of the County Commission to discuss wages in December for an effective date of January. Administrator Pierce asked the Board to give consideration to her request, as the low staffing situation mandates what they do at the Health Department/Home Health Agency and her job is to take care of the staff and patrons. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

Mike Falk, Donnie Miller, Dorothy Brox, Gerald Brox, Jerome Scherer, Raymond Erpelding, Terry Miller, Joann Miller, Henry Scherer and Gerald Hale appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss culvert replacement on Elgin Road in Section 36 Township 4 Range 19E. Mike Falk told the County Commission the current concrete box culvert allows for 14' usable road width replacing with a wider culvert would allow a safer approach around the corner. Commissioner Grable said he looked at the site with Mr. Falk and agreed the narrow box culvert needs to be replaced. It could be removed, broken up and used for rip rap at the site. A new culvert 48" x 80' should be installed to widen the road width, reshaping the ditch so water flows into the tube and

provide enough cover over the tube. Doniphan County will work with adjoining landowners for road work easement agreement if necessary. Commissioner Hall made a motion to contract out replacement of concrete box culvert on Elgin Road in Section 36 Township 4 Range 19E to contractor listed next on the County's contractor rotation schedule, being Luedke Excavating, subject to having available equipment, completion date and final cost, with project to be completed prior to fall harvest. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Vance Brothers has completed 2023 chip seal road projects.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 11:01 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman