

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 24, 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. Road Foremen Representative Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of July 17, 2023 regular and July 19, 2023 special meetings as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 11 local inmates.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to issue letter of support on behalf of Mo-Kan Regional Council for U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) revolving loan fund grant application for the benefit of small businesses, including those in Doniphan County, Kansas. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission Revenue Neutral Rate notices, pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2988, have been generated and submitted to mailing service The Master's Touch. Taxpayers should expect to receive the notice of entities exceeding prior year's property tax, along with hearing information, on or after August 4, 2023.

Commissioner Collins notified the Board the 2013 Chevrolet pickup (#108) has been taken to J&G Auto Repair, Inc. for diagnostic testing, the Commissioners previously agreed to have the truck taken to Reed Chevrolet for assessment.

Commissioner Collins also informed the County Board wiring and electrical issues persists with the 2012 Freightliner (#4) in First Road District.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will contact Foley Equipment and Murphy Tractor regarding purchasing options for extended protection plans for 2021 Caterpillar skid loader and 2020 John Deere motor graders for Board consideration.

Norris reported Bridge T 831-1, located on 195th Road, east of Troy, Kansas, in Section 19 Township 3 Range 21E had piling erected the previous week, with forms to be set this week, weather permitting. The bridge replacement is part of the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Replacement program.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve rental of mini-excavator from Equipment Share for a 28-day period at a cost of \$1724.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve Request and Petition on behalf of Platte Pipeline Company, LLC for haul route and use of County Rights-of-Way along Saratoga, Sheridan, Randolph and Monument Roads for maintenance of Platte Pipeline, with roads and Rights-of-Way to be restored to pre-existing condition. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall informed the County Commission of utility work being performed on 170th Road near Highway K-238 which will disturb the asphalt surface. Hall said he will take pictures before and after the project to ensure the roadway is repaired to pre-existing condition after utility work is completed.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to return Roger Clark to Road and Bridge payroll in a part-time as needed basis for a period of 4-6 weeks at a rate of \$18.50 per hour; to assist the Road and Bridge Department with road projects. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins asked about progress being made to repair bridge structures on 180th Road and Larkinburg Road. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reminded the County Commission no action has been taken pending written repair recommendations from Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA. In addition, Schwab-Eaton, PA has completed bi-annual bridge inspections, with completed report expected to be submitted late August or early September.

At 8:57 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:02 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk remained.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson told the Board of County Commissioners the Transportation Department's 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan will be taken to United Access in Kansas City on July 25, 2023 for the company to locate and repair issues causing airbag/seatbelt lights to stay on.

Johnson also informed the County Commission Smith Plumbing & Small Repair has completed light installation project at Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center, located at 410 N 9th Street, Elwood, Kansas.

The Board accepted the resignation of Rebecque A. Turner, Wathena Keen-Age Senior Citizens Site Director, effective July 31, 2023. Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson is currently advertising to fill the vacant Site Director's position.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Joseph Sweitzer in a part-time position for the Doniphan County Transportation Department at a rate of \$15.00 per hour subject to pre-employment screening. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:09 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Transportation Department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Aging Director, County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

County Attorney Charles D. Baskins updated the County Commission on delinquent property tax collections and forthcoming tax foreclosure sale.

Road Foremen Representative Sean Price updated the County Board on Mineral Point Road, south of the Old Town of Doniphan, saying ditch work, building up and rocking the road is complete with road tubes to be installed.

At 9:26 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:31 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman