

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 absent for jury trial.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Attorney Joel R. Euler, Economic Development Consultant Adrienne Neibling, Robert Robinson II and The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve meeting agenda as amended to include non-elect road personnel executive session. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of September 11, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve warrants for the period of September 15, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented a proposal to increase the Doniphan County Public Transportation fares effective January 1, 2024 from the current rate of \$7.00 to \$10.00 for local rides, which includes St. Joseph, Missouri, Atchison, Kansas and Hiawatha, Kansas. And out-of-area rides to Kansas City and Topeka, Kansas from the current rate of \$25.00 to \$35.00. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Doniphan County Transportation fare increases effective January 1, 2024 for local rides \$7.00 to \$10.00 and out-of-area \$25.00 to \$35.00, subject to approval of Kansas Department of Transportation and public feedback after 30-day publication notice. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Johnson informed the County Commission Wathena Keen Age Center Site Director Charity Vogel will fill in for the Kitchen Director during leave time as long as there is coverage for the Wathena Keen Age Center Site Director.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to seek bids for construction of office for the Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center Site Director, subject to approval from the City of Troy.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners status update on bridge T-831-1 located on 195th Road, east of Troy, Kansas, Section 19 Township 3 Range 21E. Bridge deck will be poured Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Norris also reported crack sealant on the hard surfaced portion of Castleton Road is scheduled for completion by Midwest Sealing and Construction on or before September 19, 2023.

The Road Office received a request for placement of Sheridan Road, southwest of Wathena, Kansas, on the list to be resealed in 2024. Commissioner Hall said the Road Department will look at the roadway and have pot holes filled.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, presented the County Commission with Foley Quarry rock prices and list of motor graders by road district including operating hours. She also told the County Board Ideker Construction Company has 20,000 ton of broken up concrete available at Rosecrans Airport at a cost of \$5.00 per ton, with the County to load and haul. She will determine if the County must purchase all material and timeframe in which material must be hauled off site.

A listing of bridges in need of immediate attention, as prepared by Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA was presented to the County Commissioners for their review.

- Bridge 201-6 Ashpoint and 150th Road
- Bridge 205-1 Buffalo Road south of 295th Road
- Bridge 828-1 St. Columbus and 235th Road
- Bridge 2128-2 240th Road (set for replacement under KDOT Local Bridge Projects Program)
- T-35-1 180th Road between Ash Point and Willow Roads
- T-35-2 180th Road east of Blackjack Road (Schwab-Eaton plans for repair)
- T-51-2 105th Road west of Friendship Road
- T-138-2 Oxide Road north of 190th Road
- T-143-1 140th Road east of Elgin Road
- T-228-2 Larkinburg Road south of 150th Road (Schwab-Easton plans for repair)
- T-312-1 Diamond Springs Road north of 240th Road
- T-314-3 Elgin Road south of 110th Road
- T-433-1 190th Road east of Randolph Road (Blair) pedestrian walkway
- T-723-1 235th Road west of Peck Road
- T-831-1 195th Road east of Troy, Kansas (currently being replaced)
- T-831-2 Oxide Road south of US Highway 36 (suggested replacement or removal)

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to obtaining bids from local contractors to repair bridge infractions due to low staffing in the Road Department.

Commissioner Hall requested Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris draft a letter to Everyy requesting trees and brush along 165th and K-238 be removed to prevent from clogging up drainage systems and area water pumps. Everyy previously removed trees and brush from under electrical lines and left the debris lay.

Commissioner Hall also discussed with the County Commission contracting out 6' tube replacement on Runnymede Road. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will type up project request letter for Board review and approval.

At 9:05 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to trade secrets with the meeting to reconvene in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:20 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk, Attorney Joel Euler and Economic Development Consultant Adrienne Neibling remained.

Robert Robinson II appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to request on record a desire to keep open, maintainable and accessible County Road 234, also known as Tom Shivers Road, in Section 23 Township 2 Range 21E. Commissioner Grable said he viewed the area and recommended legal survey to determine description and location of County Road 234. After discussion, Commissioner Grable made a motion to obtain survey to determine legal description and location of County Road 234 in Section 23 Township 2 Range 21E. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton PA, prepared plans for repair of bridge structures T-35-2 located on 180th Road east of Blackjack Road in Section 21 Township 3 Range 19E and T-228-2 Larkinburg Road south of 150th Road Section 7 Township 4 Range 21E. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to have the Road Office prepare project request letters to be sent to local contractors seeking bids for repair of bridge T-35-2 and T-228-2 based on recommendation and bridge plans drafted by Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Commission and Road Office Manager he received a request for 180th Road to be bladed in order to gain access during harvest.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commissioners with bid specification letters to be sent to local contractors for tree removal project on 110th Road west of Monument Road northeast of the old town of Doniphan. And culvert replacement, brush removal and sloping of banks on Old Kiowa Road beginning at 175th Road north approximately one-half mile. Bids due September 29, 2023 by 5:00 P.M. in the office of the County Clerk. Bid letting to be held Monday, October 2, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair work to 2005 Komatsu loader (#81) by Berry Tractor in the amount of \$3,391.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:54 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:56 A.M.

At 9:57 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 10:12 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to modify courthouse east parking lot policy, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners August 21, 2023. Department of Transportation vehicles being driven the following day may park in the east parking lot upon return prior to 4:00 P.M. Vehicles not currently in rotation or not routinely used shall find alternative parking outside of the east parking lot. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the purchase of two cabinets for filing of land surveys. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:22 A.M. Commissioner Collins 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 10:27 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to relocate the AS400 mainframe computer system from its current location in the Aging Department office to the back area of the Economic Development office by the vault. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission Doniphan County's application to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Lasting Infrastructure and Network Connectivity (LINC) grant funding for broadband expansion south of Wathena, Kansas, north and south of Troy, Kansas and surrounding areas of Highland, Kansas made it to the interview phase, with interviews to be held Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. via Zoom. Representatives of Doniphan County will participate in the interview process from the County Commission office. Interested parties who would like to speak to the importance of internet availability are asked to be present for the interview with the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster discussed with the Board of County Commissioners storage of land surveys, microfilming of record books and gave an update on Recording Notification Service (RNS) software.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman