

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 23, 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, Aging Director Diana-Crouse Johnson, Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Custodian Laura Winkel were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of October 16, 2023 regular and October 18, 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 12 local inmates.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented the County Commission with bids to construct interior office for Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center Site Director in leased portion of Troy City Hall. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Bob Rahe Construction	\$7,320.20
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Director Crouse-Johnson told the County Commission bid specifications were sent to Bob Rahe Construction, Smith Plumbing & Small Repair and Littleman Construction. Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the bid of Bob Rahe Construction for construction of interior office at Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center for Site Director, with payment to be made from Elderly funds. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to execute letter of support to the Kansas Department of Transportation on behalf of the Doniphan County Transportation program for 5310 and 5311 grant funding. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to authorize Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Franken to execute documents on behalf of Doniphan County and its sub-agencies as they relate to the Kansas Department of Transportation 5310 and 5311 grant applications. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to execute letter of support to the Kansas Department of Transportation on behalf of the Doniphan County Services and Workskills for 5310 and 5311 grant funding. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase locking cabinet for Aging Department from Quill in the amount of \$1,106.99. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris thanked Road Employee Dennis Snyder for assistance with spraying during the noxious weed spray season. He discussed with the Board of County Commissioners selling the 300 gallon fiberglass noxious weed spray tank and accessories no longer needed by the Department. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to listing the equipment on Purplewave or Big Iron websites for sale.

The Board of County Commissioners made no objections to Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris continuing to attend monthly Northeast Kansas Noxious Weed Directors meetings during the off-season for the Noxious Weed Department. Director Norris discussed with the County Board his duties during the off-season, which will include helping with snow removal at the courthouse and surrounding facilities. Cost estimates for rental of equipment for tree trimming and brush removal along county right-of-ways will be obtained by Director Norris for Board consideration.

Commissioner Hall asked Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris the status of treating noxious weeds on State highway right-of-way south of US Highway 36 near the Elwood City lagoons. Director Norris said Kansas Department of Transportation's agreement with Doniphan County to treat noxious weeds allows for so much money in its budgeted funds. Those funds were spent this year to treat other areas of State highway. He will add to the list to be treated in the future.

Bids for tree and brush removal on 110th Road, west of Monument Road, northeast of the old town of Doniphan, were revisited from the previous week. Bids were received from Tip Top Tree Service, Meers Tree Service and Urban Lawncare. Urban Lawncare sent written correspondence asking their bid to be removed from consideration. Remaining bids considered and acted upon as follows:

Meers Tree Service	\$5,500.00
Tip Top Tree Service	\$6,500.00

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the best bid of Meers Tree Service in the amount of \$5,500.00 for tree and brush removal along 110th Road, west of Monument Road, northeast of the old town of Doniphan. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held between the Board of County Commissioners and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris regarding access in order to repair bridge T-228-2 located on Larkinburg Road, south of 150th Road, in Section 7 Township 4 Range 21E. Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to contact representatives with Platte Pipeline, Tallgrass Energy formerly Rockies Express and TransCanada formerly Keystone Pipeline to determine requirements for heavy equipment crossing the pipelines prior to taking action on repair bids from contractors.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase 450 ton of 1 ¼" screened rock from Whetrock quarries at a rate of \$10.00 per ton for use on 140th Road in order to try out before committing to purchasing a large amount for stockpile purposes. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase twenty-five 12' 911 sign posts for \$1,537.50 and twenty-five anchor posts for \$637.50 from J&A Traffic Products. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve repair bill to Weaver Overhead Door for repair to overhead door motor and belt on Second District shop building in the amount of \$778.00. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken, pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1965, gave the Board of County Commissioners notice of reduction to 2024 Doniphan County and Ambulance District No. 1 budgets due to reduction in assessed valuation between June certification and final value for levy setting purposes. Doniphan County budget will be reduced \$9,466.00 and Ambulance District No. 1 \$582.00 for the 2024 budget year.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to appoint Craig Bauman to fill the vacant Burr Oak Township Clerk position, created upon the October 10, 2023 death of Doyle Dinning. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to authorize Susan Shuster to serve as voting delegate for Doniphan County, Kansas, at the annual KCAMP and Kansas Association of Counties meetings to be held December 5, 2023 in Wichita, Kansas. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken extended an invitation to the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Nemaha County, Kansas, to the annual Northeast Kansas County Officials meeting to be held November 17, 2023.

Custodian Laura Winkel presented price estimates for sealing the east courthouse parking lot in order to protect it against usage of ice melt material. Bob Rahe Construction \$6,660.00 or Custodian Winkel to do with purchasing material and sprayer from Jack Horner Machinery and Contractor Supply \$1,150.00. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve purchase of material and sprayer from Jack Horner Machinery and Contractor Supply for County Custodian Laura Winkel to seal east courthouse parking lot. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Jenkins, USD 429 Director of Transportation, thanked the Board of County Commissioners for road maintenance and rocking Old Kiowa Road, currently used as a school bus route.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with updated advertisement for part-time Economic Development Assistant's position for their consideration. The Board was in consensus to re-advertise to fill the vacant position.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman