

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 29, 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 were 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 observed the entire meeting. Attorney Joel R. Euler, Center Township Trustee Michael Grable, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Sheriff Chad Clary, Treasurer Nicole Diveley, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, and Tammy Rucker were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of December 18, 2023, regular meeting and December 20, 2023, special meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period December 29, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve added taxes in the amount of \$140.56 and abated taxes in the amount of \$1,895.14 to the 2023 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Fee report for the month of December 2023 was presented to the County Commission for their review on behalf of the County Clerk.

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

Due to observance of the New Years holiday, the Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regular board meeting Monday, January 8, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. for the annual reorganization meeting.

At 8:34 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data related to trade secrets with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 8:39 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Attorney Joel R. Euler, County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Michael Grable, Center Township Trustee, met with the Board of County Commissioners to request Center Township be reimbursed for rock hauled in the amount of \$14,048.58, citing a breakdown of communication between prior Second District Road Foreman Sean Price and incoming Road Foreman Roger Clark. Trustee Grable said representatives of the Township thought Foreman Price was getting a price on rock and had not actually hauled the rock. When a change in foremen occurred, the Township contacted Foreman Clark to haul \$11,000.00 worth of

rock. Trustee Grable said the Township did not approve rock purchased in the amount of \$14,048.58. Commissioner Grable made a motion to reimburse Center Township \$14,048.58 for rock hauled on township roads from the County Road and Bridge fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion, saying he would approve it this one time. In the future someone else will be responsible for reimbursement. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable requested \$14,048.58 worth of stockpiled rock be removed from Second Road District and divided evenly between First and Third Road Districts.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission she researched the status of 280th Road, east of Denmark Road, Section 35 Township 1 Range 19E, based on request from Ken McCauley, Iowa Township Trustee, to vacate a portion of the road. According to road records, the road is open and a petition to close or vacate will need to be filed with the Board of County Commissioners, for their consideration and public hearing, to change the status.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase two 80" x 80' road tubes to replace bridge T-538-2 and two 80" x 80' road tubes to replace twin structure adjacent to T-538-2 on Oxide Road, north of 215th Road, Section 35 Township 2 Range 23E, from Metal Culverts in the amount of \$16,500.00 per bridge, not including bands. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

At 9:00 A.M. public hearing was held for extension of Doniphan County Neighborhood Revitalization plan for a period of 5-years beginning January 1, 2024. There being no one present for said hearing, Commissioner Grable made a motion to close the hearing at 9:05 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to adopt Doniphan County Resolution 2023-07, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, further amending the existing Neighborhood Revitalization Plans, extending, and continuing all such existing Neighborhood Revitalization Plans for an additional five (5) years from and after January 1, 2024. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Said Resolution has been recorded and is on file in the office of the Doniphan County Clerk in Resolution Book 4.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with countywide sales tax collections in the amount of \$65,061.44 and EMS sales tax collections in the amount of \$105,949.05.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve payment of Sheriff's invoices in the amount of \$1,717.53. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage license for Weiland's Grocery, 210 Commercial Street, Bendena, Kansas, in original and unopened package, not for consumption on premises. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Bid letting was held for removal of tree and stump located at 137 W. Walnut Street, Troy, Kansas, Tenant Baker House property. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Meers Tree Service	\$1,500.00
Tip Top Tree Service	\$1,260.00

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the low bid of Tip Top Tree Service in the amount of \$1,260.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to grant pay increase to Kimberly Smith, Deputy Treasurer, in the amount of \$.50 per hour beginning January 1, 2024. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioners met with County Treasurer Nicole Diveley to explain additional pay increase for Kimberly Smith, Deputy Treasurer.

Sheriff Chad Clary discussed with the County Commission unused leave time for employees who were not able to use their annual leave due to staffing shortages. He told the County Commission he would work to get the employees to use all their annual leave time, however if it is not possible, he asked if they could carry hours over into the coming year. Chairman Grable told Sheriff Clary the County Commission would consider on a case-by-case basis after being presented with documentation on why annual leave time could not be used.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to hire Jodi Hodge in the part-time position of Doniphan County Transportation scheduler and driver, subject to pre-employment screening at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Tammy Rucker appeared before the Board of County Commissioners telling the County Commission she works for Sherig under the Childcare Aware Grant program and is the Doniphan County liaison for childcare services, working with licensed daycare providers in Doniphan County, providing them with resources to help with services due to being understaffed. She suggested the County Commission create a scholarship program for seniors enrolled in Doniphan County High Schools to serve in internship programs with local daycare providers. Chairman Grable told Ms. Rucker the 2024 Doniphan County budget has already been set and the County would not be interested at this time.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman