

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 16, 2024

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.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Custodian Laura Winkel, Mary Winder and Doniphan County Historical Society members Todd Miller, Dan Glynn, Mary Lou Glynn and Mari Ann Parker 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 2024 Reorganization meeting minutes of January 8, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Commissioner Collins cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of January 8, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission special meeting minutes of January 12, 2024, as written. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 16, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve added taxes in the amount of \$817.22 and abated taxes in the amount of \$400.81 to the 2023 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

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

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson discussed with the County Commission the need to purchase snow tires for the Meals on Wheels 2021 Ford Transit delivery van and options for delivery of meals during inclement weather. No action was taken.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission she spoke with Lynn Burgess, area engineer with Kansas Department of Transportation, regarding removal of bridge T-538-2 located on Oxide Road, north of 215th Road, Section 35 Township 2 Range 23E, as a sacrifice bridge. With an additional \$50,000.00 in funds to be used towards replacement cost of structure RS380 located 2.7 miles west and .2 miles south of Highland, Kansas, on 240th Road, Section 29, Township 2 Range 19E. Mr. Burgess said the County is permitted to move forward with removal and replacement of structure T-538-2, cautioning the County to confer with engineers of Schwab-Eaton, PA. to insure the replacement of a bridge structure with road tubes can handle the flow of water.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve a request and petition on behalf of Brightspeed for buried communications cable on 205th Road, west of Troy, Kansas. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with 2023 year end Road Improvement Fund balances and Road Department expenses for their review.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the following Road Department expenses:

- Mission Creek, LLC (#5 Western Star repair) \$1,128.49
- Engemann Drainage Co. Inc. (road tubes) \$ 944.00
- Engemann Drainage Co. Inc. (Old Kiowa Road tubes) \$4,125.00
- Schwab-Eaton, PA (Coronado Rd culvert engineering) \$1,539.00

Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve towing bill from R&W Towing & Recovery, LLC. to pull out road equipment stuck on 175th Road, following blizzard conditions for the period of January 10-15, 2024. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reminded the County Commission and public of Doniphan County policy not to pull out individuals stuck on county roadways due to liability concerns.

Commissioner Hall requested a stockpile of sand to be used on hard surfaced roadways during inclement weather.

Commissioner Hall also told the County Commission he directed Third District Road Crew to open 170th Road all the way to USD 114 Riverside's west campus in Elwood, Kansas, during blizzard conditions over the weekend of January 13-15, 2024.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to reimburse employees of the Road Department for upcoming Commercial Driver's License (CDL) classes.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng to discuss Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's statewide emergency declaration for winter weather moving across the State of Kansas January 8-January 15, 2024. Coordinator Meng told the County Commission she would check on the threshold requirements for reimbursable expenses the County may have acquired during the emergency declaration period for snow removal and opening of county roadways due to high winds causing several roads to be drifted shut. The County hired contractors throughout Doniphan County to assist with opening of roadways.

Commissioner Grable told the County Board, Second and Third Road Districts need tires to replace inventory. The Board agreed to follow policy and replace inventory as tires are used.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Custodian Laura Winkel to discuss snow removal routine, including the Courthouse square, Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center and Doniphan County Health Department. Custodian Winkel said Dennis McKittrick, Maintenance Engineer at the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center, usually takes care of snow removal at the Law Enforcement Center and the walks at the Doniphan County Health Department. In his absence she took care of the walks and parking lot of the courthouse, Law Enforcement Center and Health Department.

Custodian Winkel told the County Commission Brad Smith, Smith Plumbing and Small Repair, was contacted to assist with frozen pipes in the boiler room of the Doniphan County Courthouse the morning of January 16, 2024, following several days of subzero temperatures.

At 9:24 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners toured the old cell block area of the Doniphan County annex building located at 105 S. Liberty Street, Troy, Kansas, to discuss storage options. Joining the County Commissioners were County Clerk Peggy Franken, County Attorney Charles Baskins, Extension Agent Kathy Tharman, Emergency Management/Zoning Coordinator Julie Meng, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Custodian Laura Winkel, Deputy Treasurer Kim Smith and Doniphan County Historic Society Members Dan Glynn, Mary Lou Glynn, Todd Miller, Mari Ann Parker, and Mary Winder.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened in the County Commission room at 9:40 A.M. and continued discussion on county records storage options. No action was taken.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to forego comp time and pay employees of the Road Department, including road foremen, for time worked during snow removal beginning January 8, 2024 through January 15, 2024. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioner reaffirmed their commitment to paying Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska \$25,000.00 for asphalt overlay on 315th Road, with payment to be made upon receipt of invoice from the Iowa Tribe.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman