

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 18, 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.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Director/ADA Coordinator Julie Meng and Sheriff Chad Clary were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve meeting agenda as amended removing 9:15 A.M. appointment with Economic Development Consultant due to rescheduling. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve minutes of March 11, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2023 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$234.72. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission Brandon Pierce, Pierce Heating and Cooling, would be drilling a 4.5” hole in the wall of the storage room behind the women’s restroom on the lower level of the courthouse building to relocate the AS400 computer system. The hole will allow transfer of wires and cables from electronics in the Economic Development office to the storage room.

Tire collection for Doniphan County residents will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the Second District Road shop in Troy, Kansas, located at 302 W Robertson St. More details will be forthcoming.

The Doniphan County Planning & Zoning Department gave notice of zoning hearing on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:30 P.M. at the Doniphan County Courthouse for T&T Media Blasting, a dustless/mobile company, from R-O Outer Residential to Mixed Use for property located at 602 E. Locust St. Troy, Kansas 66087.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with 2024 project list of roads to be chip sealed and cost estimates for asphalt overlay for Board consideration.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of requests for proposals for box culvert repair on Coronado Road, north of Highland, Kansas, Section 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E. The project will be submitted for bid upon approval of bid specifications by engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA.

Commissioner Hall asked about the status of RS 380 bridge replacement on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas. Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, told the County Commission the project is being funded 85% through the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program for 2024. Once engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA have construction plans finalized they will be sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation for approval and put out for bid. She will check with Schwab-Eaton, PA on the status of submission to the State.

Road Improvement Fund and Doniphan County Road Department expenses and fund balances for the month of February 2024 were presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris for review.

Commissioner Grable informed the County Board he and Road Foreman Clark looked at Heartland Road in Section 22 Township 2 Range 20E, per request of John M. Smith, Jr. Commissioner Grable said the road will be bladed to remove potholes and rocked.

Commissioner Grable also inquired about selling county owned property no longer needed by Doniphan County, particularly 2.33 acres on 190th Road, Section 19 Township 3 Range 22E. County Attorney Charles Baskins said he would research the requirements for selling county owned property deemed no longer useful and apprise the County Commission at a future meeting.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission Wagner Excavating reported bridge repair on T-228-2, Larkinburg Road, south of 150th Road, or 3.5 miles east and 1.9 miles south of Bendena, Kansas, Section 12 Township 4 Range 20E is nearing completion. Pictures of completed repair work have been sent to Arnie Valdemar, Bridge Inspector with Schwab-Eaton, PA for approval. Mr. Valdemar indicated additional rock will be needed around the structure. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the purchase of additional rock for bridge T-228-2 repair based on Inspector recommendation. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable said, according to tube replacement policy, Second Road District has ordered 24" x 30" tubes plus bands to refurbish inventory. Commissioner Collins remarked all District Road Shops need a stock of road tubes to save time when projects arise.

Emergency Management/ADA Coordinator Julie Meng told the County Commission she received correspondence from Otis Elevator regarding unaccounted items left out of bid specifications the State of Kansas would require upon inspection for modernization of the courthouse elevator. Representatives of Otis and RS Electric are in discussions to determine who the responsible party is for the additional work.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussions with Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Sheriff Chad Clary and County Attorney Charles Baskins regarding proposed resolution limiting open burning within the unincorporated portions of Doniphan County, Kansas, establishing reimbursement for violations of the resolution and repealing Resolution 2015-03. Commissioner Hall recommended tabling action until Rural Fire Districts have a chance to review the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Grable addressed Sheriff Chad Clary about 2024 budget concerns, saying year to date the Sheriff's budget should be at 16.66% and is currently at 20.86%: over more than at this same time last year. Sheriff Clary said liability insurance premiums due in January put him over budget, however the budget will level out with a deputy retiring in May 2024 and the position already having been replaced.

Commissioner Grable asked for discussion on asphalt and chip seal projects by Road District. Grable said he would like to see part of Mesquito Creek Road asphalted during the 2024 season. Commissioner Collins asked for consideration on asphaltting 240th Road, east of Highland, Kansas, and Commissioner Hall a portion of Treece Road, north of Wathena, Kansas. No action was taken pending receipt of final bids for both chip seal and asphalt projects.

County Attorney Charles Baskins told the County Commissioners he has ordered a new computer and printer for the County Attorney Secretary. In addition, he is exploring options for obtaining help moving records from the County Attorney's office to storage.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:41 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman