

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 4, 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. Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Mike Kiefer, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Sheriff Chad Clary, Midwest Mobile Representatives Michelle Blakely, Ernie Miller and Tyson Berry were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve minutes of February 26, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve warrants for the period of February 29, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve abated taxes to the 2023 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$43.14. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of February 2024 were presented to the County Commission for their review on behalf of the County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

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

Mike Kiefer, Contractor, met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss specifics of bridge removal and tube placement project for structures T-538-1 and T-538-2, located on Oxide Road, south of Ottumwa Road approximately 1800 feet. The northernmost structure will be replaced with two 84" x 60' metal culverts. The southernmost structure with two 84" x 80' metal culverts. Bids specifications called for contractual guarantee on workmanship for a 12-month period following completion of the project. Mr. Kiefer said he has no problem guaranteeing his workmanship, but an act of God is out of contractors' control. After further discussion, Commissioner Collins made a motion to remove from bid specifications "Guarantee work for 12-months after completion date". Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall expressed concerns at on-site contractors meeting, when specifications have been developed for a project, contractors have differing opinions on how work should be performed. Commissioner Hall suggested engineers develop a scope of work for the project and all contractors adhere to the project scope.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson requested permission to hire Gary Simpson, part-time driver for the Doniphan County Transportation department, subject to pre-employment screening. Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Gary Simpson as part-time transportation driver for Doniphan County Transportation department at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, subject to pre-employment screening. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with dust control permit for 302 190th Road, Leona, Kansas. Norris reminded residents who wish to have dust control applied to county roadways to contact the Road Office at 785-985-3535 for permitting and road maintenance prior to application. Property owners are asked to mark the roadway following application indicating where dust control begins and ends to alert motor grader operators.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, contacted Jeff Wagner, Wagner Excavating, contractor for T-228-2 bridge repair project on Larkinburg Road, south of 150th Road, for repair status update. Mr. Wagner said he plans to remove debris and check the access road to the structure within the next two weeks. Norris will do a bi-weekly check on repair status with Mr. Wagner.

Commissioner Hall presented the County Commission with a proposal from M CON to haul rip rap from Rosecrans Memorial Airport to a location at the Third District Road Shop in Wathena, Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending completion and findings of Kansas Department of Transportation bi-annual bridge inspections.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to enter into agreement with DLTS for CDL training for Harley Hartman, employee of the Doniphan County Road department. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission she is receiving calls regarding 2024 chip seal and asphalt overlay projects. Independence Township board members inquired about cost sharing to overlay a portion of Friendship Road, south of Kansas Highway 20. A section of Locust Street, in the unincorporated area of Troy, Kansas, will also be placed on the cost estimate list for the 2024 season.

Commissioner Hall asked for future discussion on use of local contractors versus opening contracts to out of county vendors.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with existing 1% county sales tax collections in the amount of \$63,308.56 and 1% EMS sales tax collections in the amount of \$103,561.06. She explained the existing county 1% sales tax, set to expire in 2025, is divided amongst the County and cities of Denton, Elwood, Highland, Leona, Severance, Troy, Wathena and White Cloud proportionate to assessed valuation.

Commissioner Hall congratulated the Riverside Cyclones women's basketball team on their bid to the Class 2A State Championship in Dodge City, Kansas.

Sheriff Chad Clary and representatives of Midwest Mobile Radio Michelle Blakely, Ernie Miller and Tyson Berry appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss a proposal to replace the outdated 911 Dispatch consoles located at the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center. The current 911 Dispatch console, which was installed prior to 2008, is no longer supported, and parts are unavailable. In the event of failure, 911 services would be interrupted for an unknown period. A cost estimate for new AVTEC -2 console, with programming, certification and installation, as well as microwave to communicate with tower at the Doniphan County courthouse is approximately \$141,278.00. The cost would be allocated between the new sales tax and 911 telephone surcharge funds. After discussion the Board of County Commissioners agreed to move forward with a contract for replacement of 911 Dispatch console and recorder.

Register of Deeds Susan Shuster told the County Commission the Recording Notification Service, offered by the Register of Deeds office, is live. Anyone interested in signing up for the service is asked to contact the Register of Deeds office at 785-985-3932.

At 9:51 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission.

Discussion was held regarding modernization of courthouse elevator project. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman