

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 1, 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 and County Clerk Peggy Franken present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting. Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall was absent.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Bill Rush, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Zoning Administrator/Emergency Management/ADA Coordinator Julie Meng were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve meeting agenda as amended to include executive session. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve minutes of March 25, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve warrants for the period of March 28, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Fee report for the month of March 2024 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 eleven local inmates.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson informed the County Commission C&M Appliance is assessing the refrigerator at the Wathena Keen-Age Center for repair. Depending on repairs, the refrigerator may need to be replaced, she will get replacement costs for Board consideration. Smith Plumbing & Small Repair has been called to help clean up water in the Keen-Age Center, caused by a leak in the refrigerator.

Crouse-Johnson also informed the County Commission Littleman Construction has completed painting the bell tower of the Highland Senior Citizens Center Building, located at 102 N Kirkwood Street, Highland, Kansas.

At 8:37 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters related to actions affecting a client, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 8:42 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Aging Director and County Clerk remained.

Bill Rush told the County Commission he was there to speak with the Sheriff and County Attorney, who were not present. Stating the only time the Sheriff will respond to him is during a Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission asphalt repairs on 170th Road have been completed by the contractor who caused the damage. Commissioner Hall previously reported damage to the hard surfaced roadway caused by utility company doing work in the county right-of-way.

Chris Adelman, Husker Steel Representative, will assess the concrete box culvert on Coronado Road, north of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 22-23 Township 2 Range 19E, and give the County Commissioners several repair options for their consideration.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said she spoke to Bryan Jones, Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc., regarding placement of material on Taylor Hill, Mesquito Creek Road, to prevent the hard surfaced roadway from being slick during inclement weather, as requested by Commissioner Grable. Mr. Jones replied “I drove Mesquito Creek Road again today to take a look at the section with the hill. It appears that he’s referencing the hill just to the north of 215th and slopes downhill north. I can see where this hill could pose a problem when it’s slick. It’s up to the commissioner if they want to do something here, but understand that if an asphalt curb is installed, it will need to be backfilled properly to help it stay in place and it’ll get destroyed if a plow or heavy truck traffic / farm equipment hit it. I’m not sure it would even help contain a vehicle. There’s a good chance a vehicle would hit it and bounce up over it. Pricing for 2,500 LF of asphalt curb would be \$35,000 plus there would be backfill costs. Additional rock through this area to backfill the curb would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. There are different asphalt mix types that are more open graded that can have a higher friction coefficient, but I’m assuming this hill is most often slick with snowpack and in that event or even ice, an open graded mix would not be any better.”

The Road Department was in receipt of costs per ton for hot and cold patch: Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. \$83.00/ton hot patch, Bettis Construction \$89.26 per ton hot patch and Keller Construction \$105.00/ton cold patch.

Cost estimate proposals for chip seal and asphalt overlays on county roadways during the 2024 season were presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris on behalf of Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. and Vance Brothers, Inc. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the following Road Department expenditures:

Mayday Trucking Services	\$3,115.48 (#206 2019 Peterbilt)
Mayday Trucking Services	\$ 792.45 (#5 2018 Western Star)
Engemann Drainage Co Inc.	\$2,935.00 (18” and 24” tubes)
Foley Equipment	\$ 625.40 (#203 2021 skid steer teeth blades)

Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

At 9:13 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of a legal nature with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:43 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into contractual agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and Schwab-Eaton for building investigation and report on the Doniphan County Transfer Station in the amount of \$3,200.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Grable was in receipt of certified mail from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding final flood hazard determination for unincorporated areas of Doniphan County, Kansas. The correspondence was given to the County Clerk to be placed on file with flood plain maps.

Countywide sales tax receipts in the amount of \$58,456.47 and EMS sales tax receipts in the amount of \$95,623.94 were presented to the County Commission for their review by the County Clerk.

Commissioner Grable approved the attendance of Appraiser Danielle Kiefer to the Kansas County Appraiser's Association annual conference, along with hotel stay, in the amount of \$627.35. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase a new Servit full size insulated holding and proofing cabinet with solid dutch doors (warmer) for the Kitchen in the amount of \$2,499.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Zoning Administrator/Emergency Management/ADA Coordinator Julie Meng presented the Board of County Commissioners with additional cost estimates from OTIS Elevator for upgrades to the Doniphan County Courthouse elevator. No action was taken pending the return of Commissioner Hall.

At 10:02 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters related to economic development, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commissioners at 10:07 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Zoning Administrator/Emergency Management/ADA Coordinator remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:09 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman