

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 25, 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 were present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services Health Specialist Martha Smith, and Zoning Administrator Julie Meng were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve minutes of November 18, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of November 27, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve change orders to the 2024 Doniphan County Tax roll: abated taxes \$26.36 added taxes \$539.12. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris met with the County Commission to discuss continuation of brush/tree trimming along county roadways. He told the Commissioners the rental agreement with Foley Equipment on the CAT 390 mini-excavator mulcher is set to expire and asked about renewing for \$9,006.10 per month. The County Commissioners tabled action pending exploring purchase options on the equipment in place of monthly rental.

Jim Norris, Noxious Weed Director, also presented the County Commission with price quotes for the purchase of a replacement forklift for the department.

- Duke Rental 2011 Toyota 8fg25 5,000lb 1,721 hours \$13,900.00
- Foley Equipment 2018 CAT gp25n 5,000lb 1,500 hours \$21,700.00

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase a 2018 CAT gp25n forklift from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$21,700.00, with payment to be made from Noxious Weed fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, gave the County Commission a map of Kansas Department of Transportation proposed detour route for bridge replacement project on Kansas Highway 20 South. The proposed route would take motorists on 130th Road and Castleton Road. The County Commissioners made no objections to the proposed detour route.

Road Office Manager Norris also presented the County Commissioners with Road Improvement Fund balances as of November 15, 2024, along with Road Department rock fund balance of \$281,454.00.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase rock for Burr Oak Township from Doniphan County Road Department rock fund in the amount of \$9,026.09. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Information on the proposed 5-year Road Plan dated February 4, 2022, was presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris. Discussion was held regarding obtaining bonds to hard surface county roadways. No action was taken.

Commissioner Collins asked the replacement status of RS380, double barrel bridge on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said KDOT is performing field and office checks between representatives of KDOT and engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA. prior to submitting the project for bid.

Final invoices from Kiefer Excavating for repair to roadways following installation of fiber optic cable by NCS, North Central Services, Contractor for Rainbow Communications. Repairs were made to Port William Road \$27,060.00 and Oxide Road \$360.00. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will send the repair bill for Port William Road to NCS.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Road Department expenses: Engemann Drainage Co., Inc. \$640.00 for 15" road tubes and Redneck Diesel for repair to 2020 Peterbilt (#206) in the amount of \$628.07. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson told the County Commission she met with City of Troy Council and Troy Advisory Council regarding updates to the Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center restroom. The City of Troy made no objections to updating the restroom facility, located in Troy City Hall. Troy Advisory Council agreed to pay the cost of labor and flooring, with the Aging Department to cover the remaining \$700.00 expense. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve \$700.00 in expenditures to update the restroom facility at the Troy Pioneer Senior Citizens Center with payment to be made from the Elderly fund. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Crouse-Johnson also requested permission to advertise for a part-time meal delivery substitute. The Board of County Commissioners made no objections.

Martha Smith, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services Health Specialist, presented the County Commissioners with bids for installation of security cameras at the Doniphan County Transfer Station as follows:

C&M Business Machine, Inc.	\$ 5,117.00 (wired)
MTI	\$ 4,830.00 (wireless)
Superior Fire & Security	\$ 4,223.91 (wireless)
TS Conard, Inc.	\$13,567.93 (wireless)

The Board of County Commissioners tabled action pending review.

At 9:56 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:06 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services Health Specialist Martha Smith, and Zoning Administrator Julie Meng remained.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Board with Household Hazardous Waste collections report for the period of November 6, 2024, for their review.

The Doniphan County employee Christmas Dinner will be hosted by Wathena Baptist Church on December 18, 2024.

Commissioner Hall told the County Board as of now the Third Road District would continue to use the 2013 Caterpillar backhoe at the Third District road shop when it is necessary to load sand, switching off with Miller Trash Service, Inc. who will also be using the backhoe to push and load trash at the Doniphan County Transfer Station. In the event both the County and Miller Trash Service, Inc. need the equipment at the same time, the 1993 Caterpillar backhoe will be used.

Commissioner Hall voiced concern with the Sheriff's Department budget, asking if the County Commission wanted to audit fund spending to try to determine the reason for budget overages and if the Commissioners are allocating enough funds to operate the department. No action was taken pending review of warrant register for 2024 expenditures, provided by the County Clerk's office.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman

