

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 2, 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.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Scott Hardin with Lockit Technologies, Craig Livingston, and Foley Equipment Representative Kevin Bell were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting agenda as amended to include appointment with Foley Equipment Representative Kevin Bell. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve minutes of November 25, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of November 2024 was presented to the Board on behalf of the County Clerk for their review.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve added change orders in the amount of \$490.60 to the 2024 Doniphan County Tax roll. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with countywide sales tax receipts in the amount of \$64,172.07 and EMS sales tax collections in the amount of \$105,058.17.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to execute engagement letter agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and Gordon CPA for preparation of the 2024 Doniphan County financial statement, in an amount not to exceed \$16,425.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners tabled action on an invoice from Diamond Fab, LLC for replacement of the north courthouse steps, including handrails, in the amount of \$25,630.00 until progress is made on resetting of limestone pillars and installation of handrails.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of correspondence from Northeast Kansas Environmental Services to property owner regarding complaint of wastewater odor coming from property located at 889 Sheridan Road, Wathena, Kansas.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce inquired about snow removal at the Health Department building. Chairman Grable said the Board would talk about options and try to find a solution to snow removal at the Health Department building.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission she will be figuring rock balances earlier in the month, in order to create stockpiles. She has also contacted quarries about holding stockpile rock at the quarry.

Commissioner Grable asked for the amount of Road Improvement Funds by Township for the 2025 budget year.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, informed the County Commission of an incident at the former Hamm Quarry located north on Friendship Road on November 25, 2024. An operator for the First Road District was scraping down on the bank when the bank gave way, piling dirt onto the 2014 Komatsu Excavator, causing damage to the equipment including breaking out the windows. Norris assisted County Clerk Franken on filing a claim with KCAMP, Doniphan County's liability and property insurance carrier.

Mike Twombly, Big Iron Auctions, contacted the Road Office to inform them Doniphan County's equipment sale would go live on the website beginning December 4, 2024, until December 18, 2024.

Husker Steel and Norfolk Contracting have completed bridge repair work on RS110, a double barrel 10' x 10' box culvert on Ash Point Road, north of 150<sup>th</sup> Road, Section 5, Township 4, Range 19E. The roadway will remain closed until backfill work is completed by the Doniphan County Road Department.

At 8:54 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Road Department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:04 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:04 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect Road Department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of Doniphan County Commission at 9:14 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. Road Office Manager left the meeting at 9:06 A.M.

Commissioner Hall, after review of year to date expenses for the Sheriff's Department, asked the County Commission to consider performing an audit on the fund to ensure the 2025 budget will be adequately funded to provide the necessary equipment in order for law enforcement to do their jobs. Clerk Franken recommended the County Commission remind the Sheriff to submit all 2024 invoices for payment prior to December 26, 2024, in order not to carry over expenses into the 2025 budget year.

LockIt Technologies Representative Scott Hardin presented the County Commission with a managed services proposal for securing the courthouse computer system at a cost of \$3,400.00 per month. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review and comparison with prior proposal submitted by TS Conard.

Craig Livingston appeared in the County Commission meeting to ask the status of the north courthouse step replacement project and lack of law enforcement in the rural areas of the county. The County Commission told Mr. Livingston the north steps should have the limestone pillars and handrails installed by weeks end. Questions about law enforcement would need to be addressed with Sheriff Chad Clary or Sheriff-elect Mark Allen.

Kevin Bell, Foley Equipment Representative, met with the County Commission to discuss rental and purchase options for CAT 390 excavator. The County is currently renting a 2023 CAT 390 with mulcher to trim trees and brush along county roadways at a monthly rate of \$9,006.10, with the rental agreement to expire December 9, 2024. Mr. Bell presented purchase options for the 2023 CAT 390 excavator, currently being used by the County, for \$158,870.00 with rent to be deducted from purchase price and interest waived upon execution of a Rental Purchase Option Agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas and Foley Equipment. The equipment would be under premium warranty until October 5, 2026, the county would then have the option to purchase an extended warranty to cover hydraulics, powertrain and tech services. A price was also submitted for the purchase of a 2025 CAT 390 excavator with all the same features and attachments, including premium 3-year warranty, at a cost of \$196,000.00. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending the determination of trade value or purchase price of the County's 2012 Hyundai Excavator (#189) located in the Second District Road Shop.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:37 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman