

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 13, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 8:59 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, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the entire meeting. Sheriff Mark Allen, Undersheriff Brendan Wolvington, Deputy Officer Grady Miller, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Bill Rush and Janis Grable were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the amended County Commission meeting agenda with removal of 11:00 A.M. executive session for non-elect Health Department personnel. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve minutes of December 30, 2024, regular meeting as written. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve manual warrants for the period of December 31, 2024, and payroll and warrants for the period of January 15, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve added taxes in the amount of \$545.12 and abated taxes in the amount of \$192.28 to the 2024 Doniphan County tax roll. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

Due to the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 20, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners will not hold a regular meeting until Monday, January 27, 2025.

Sheriff Mark Allen presented the County Commission with a statement from the City of Hiawatha to purchase Officer Grady Miller's duty belt, vest and equipment for a total cost of \$950.00. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins offered to pay the cost of the vest from the Diversion fund. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of duty belt and equipment for Officer Grady Miller from the City of Hiawatha in the amount of \$413.66 with payment to be made from the Sheriff's fund. And to purchase Grady Miller's vest from the City of Hiawatha in the amount of \$536.34, with the

Diversion fund to pay the expense. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Allen told the County Commission his department would be performing an assessment on the courthouse panic alarm system today to ensure the system is working accurately.

According to Sheriff Allen, a steam cleaner machine has been purchased at the jail and used to clean the kitchen area.

Sheriff Mark Allen told the County Commission the Sheriff's Department lacks one handheld 911 radio. Sheriff Allen requested permission to purchase a refurbished encryption capable handheld radio in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Midwest Public Safety Equipment, LLC, with payment to be made from New Sales Tax fund for 911 purposes. Sheriff Allen explained new radios cost between \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00 each. Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase two refurbished encryption capable handheld 911 radios for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 each from Midwest Public Safety Equipment, LLC with payment to be made from New Sales Tax fund for 911 purposes. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Board her office is in receipt of the 2024 interim bridge inspections completed by Schwab-Eaton, P.A. Nine of the seventeen structures inspected need attention. A full report will be given to the Board of County Commissioners at a future meeting for review.

The Corp of Engineers permit for RS380 bridge replacement project on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, in Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E, has been received by the Road Office from Schwab-Eaton, PA.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, told the County Commission three John Deere motor graders are due for routine maintenance. No action was taken pending discussion with Foley Equipment on the cost of a maintenance plan and review of previous maintenance invoices to determine the cost for the Road Department to service the equipment in house.

The City of Highland contacted the Doniphan County Road Office to inquire about the County assisting the City with snow removal. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the Commission she relayed on behalf of the County, the County does not assist with snow removal within city limits. Commissioner Collins said he was also asked and told City representatives the County would not assist with snow removal.

A priority inclement weather road maintenance list was presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris. She asks if any resident who has a medical condition or other emergency need to have their road open for easy access during inclement weather, to please contact the Road Department at 785-985-3535 to be placed on the priority route list.

Contractor rates for 2025 were presented to the County Commission by Road Office Manager Linday Norris, of the rates presented there were no changes to that of 2024.

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

- Mission Creek Auto Parts \$ 561.26 (#200 motor grader battery)
- Michael Todd \$2,009.08 (#155 motor grader chains and adjusters)

Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall asked if all the County owned motor graders were used during the snowstorm on January 4-5, 2025. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will prepare a list of equipment used for Board review.

Commissioner Grable told the County Board he was contacted by Kari Studer asking the County to treat ice and snow on Randolph Road, south of Blair, Kansas. Commissioner Grable has asked Second District Road Foreman Roger Clark to blade the road again.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with the December 2024 departmental budget and cash summary report.

At 9:30 A.M. bid letting was held for cash rent of 22.5 acres m/l of row crop located in Section 21, Township 3, Range 22E (east side of Doniphan County landfill and transfer station) for the 2025 crop season. Lease is for a term of one (1) year. The parties by mutual agreement may extend the lease for additional periods of one (1) year each, not to exceed a total lease term of three (3) years. Acceptance of each successive year must be made in writing by December 1st of the current year. Two bids were presented, opened and read aloud as follows:

Rodger Groves	\$232.00 per acre
Bryan Hartman	\$204.00 per acre

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the high bid of Rodger Groves for cash rent of 22.5 acres m/l of row crop located in Section 21, Township 3, Range 22E (east side of Doniphan County landfill and transfer station) for the 2025 crop season, with Doniphan County to retain hunting rights. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:36 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for consultation with County Attorney 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 9:41 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on snow removal equipment. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 10:19 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman