

**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 11, 2026**

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.

Roger Hopkins observed the entire open meeting. Jay Cluck, Custodian Laura Winkel, John M. Smith, Jr., Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Doniphan County Conservation District Manager Chris Griffin and Emergency Management Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Scott Morris were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the May 4, 2026 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of May 15, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of April 2026 was presented to the Board for review on behalf of the Register of Deeds.

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

Jay Cluck, Maintenance Director for USD 111 Doniphan West Schools, inquired about the County assisting Doniphan West School District with chip seal on the elementary school parking lot. Chairman Grable told Mr. Cluck the County no longer owns chip seal equipment and contracts with Vance Brothers for the County's projects. The County will work on getting a load of cold or hot patch material and contact Mr. Cluck to use for patching of potholes in the parking lot.

Custodian Laura Winkel and County Clerk Peggy Franken discussed with the County Commission placement of the Freedom Rock in the courtyard. Clerk Franken told the Board that Freedom Rock Foundation member Micheal Brissett had a conversation with her the previous week saying the suggested location south of the gazebo will not work because the artist needs 10' on either side of the rock plus a 30' tent while painting the rock. Discussion was held on alternate locations; no action was taken.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of sales tax collections in the amount of \$55,302.21, EMS sales tax in the amount of \$90,106.81 and April Household Hazardous Waste collections report.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with the April 2026 departmental budget and cash summary report for their review.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the County Commission the current galvanized tube price list from Metal Culverts, Inc. Representatives of Metal Culverts will notify the County if there are any price changes.

Midwest Sealing & Construction plans to begin crack sealing on Castleton Road, south of 150<sup>th</sup> Road, mid to late June, 2026.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, told the County Commission she was contacted by Representatives of Vance Brothers concerning the 2026 price quote to chip seal 150<sup>th</sup> Road. The price was underestimated by \$3,277.50 and did not include 2025 pricing for roads that were supposed to be chip sealed in 2025 but were not due to Vance Brothers scheduling and uncondusive weather. The Board agreed to have Vance Brothers send a new price quote which includes updated pricing for their review. Commissioner Hall also asked that representatives of Vance Brothers look at 2025 chip seal roads and address any issues where material did not adhere to the roadway. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will obtain a definite schedule from Vance Brothers on when they plan to begin Doniphan County's chip seal projects in order to have roadways prepared ahead of time.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the following Road department expenditures. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Redneck Diesel	\$750.21 (2005 Freightliner #126)
Zamzow	\$728.20 (2018 Western Star tarp motor #11)

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase 5,000 ton of 1" crusher run rock from Whetrock, Inc. for 150<sup>th</sup> Road and Saratoga Road to prepare for chip seal, with payment to be made from County Road fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doniphan County Conservation District Manager Chris Griffin presented the County Commissioners with the Conservation District's 2027 budget request in the amount of \$36,000.00, the same amount as 2026. No action was taken pending preparation of the Doniphan County 2027 budget.

Doniphan County Conservation District Manager Chris Griffin reviewed the 2025 Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) annual report. Griffin told the County Commission that due to Federal funding cuts and hiring freeze, the NRCS office in Troy only has one active employee. The four county NRCS management unit has a total of four employees. The Doniphan County Conservation District received a grant from the Kansas Water Office to assist the county with improving water quality and raise

awareness of Kansas water resources. Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education will assist the Doniphan County Conservation District with making educational videos of local students touring area farms to raise awareness of agricultural water quality, conservation and resources.

John M. Smith, Jr., met with the County Commission to discuss road conditions along 130<sup>th</sup> Road and Heartland Roads. He said the roads are washed out and semi traffic is driving in the center of the road, creating a hazard for on-coming traffic.

Emergency Management Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Scott Morris presented the County Commission with First Amendment to License Agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and American Tower L.P. for Doniphan County's placement of 911 repeater on American Tower's tower located at 1605 Highway 120, Highland, Kansas. Pursuant to the original conditional use zoning permit issued July 3, 2000, American Tower agreed to placement of 911 repeater on the tower at no cost to Doniphan County. The First Amendment to License Agreement sets out a monthly fee of \$1.00. In email correspondence to Emergency Management Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Scott Morris, Sean Libbey, Representative for American Tower, stated their system requires a minimum charge of one dollar in order to register the active lease. And while the First Amendment reflects a \$1.00 per month charge, American Tower will not actively seek to collect this fee during the initial term or any subsequent renewal periods over the life of the agreement. The initial term of the First Amendment to License Agreement is for a period of ten (10) years, with there being two renewal terms of five (5) years each. Commissioner Grable made a motion to execute the First Amendment to License Agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and American Tower L.P. for Doniphan County's placement of 911 repeater on American Tower's tower located at 1605 Highway 120, Highland, Kansas, at no cost to Doniphan County, Kansas, pursuant to the terms set out in the lease agreement and. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:23 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding roads 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 9:33 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:33 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to extend executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding roads 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 9:43 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to rescind the motion made May 4, 2026 to approve grouted rip rap material for RS380 bridge replacement project, located on 240<sup>th</sup> Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 until further information is provided on the project. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 9:47 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.



*Peggy Franken*  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

*Wayne Grable*  
Wayne Grable, Chairman