DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 20, 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.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis and Roger Hopkins observed. Presenters and visitors included Aging Administrator Diana Johnson, Custodian Laura Winkel, Jennifer Reed, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott B. Morris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the beginning 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 amended County Commission minutes of the July 13, 2026 regular meeting. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve manual warrant in the amount of $800.00 for the period of July 17, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 13 local inmates.

Aging Administrator Diana Johnson presented the County Commission with bids for Yokohama Avid Touring tires for the 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan:

Diamond Fab	$699.04
Triple L	$681.08
Neumann Services	$667.16

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the best and lowest bid of Neumann Services for four replacement Yokohama Avid Touring tires for the 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan in the amount of $667.16. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Aging Department will seek bids for replacing the linoleum at the Highland Senior Citizens Center located at 102 N. Kirkwood St., Highland, Kansas.

Diana Johnson, Aging Administrator, discussed with the County Commission changes to the senior citizens meal menu due to the Cyclospora illness outbreak from lettuce. The Board of County Commissioners agreed with changing the menu on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 from chef salad to a hamburger meal out of precaution.

Jennifer Reed met with the County Commissioners to request use of the courtyard for a wedding reception on September 12, 2026. Custodian Laura Winkel was present. Ms. Reed said they plan to set up tables on the south side of the courthouse for a dinner, use the gazebo for a DJ and place port-a-pots in the east parking lot. Commissioner Collins said he saw no issues with allowing use of the courtyard as long as they are respectful and clean up afterwards, saying the property belongs to the taxpayers. Commissioner Hall asked about alcoholic beverages on County property. The Board of County Commissioners spoke to the County Attorney about consumption of alcoholic beverages on county property. The County Commissioners approved use of the courtyard for wedding reception of Jennifer Reed and Paul Moore of Troy, Kansas, on September 12, 2026.

The Board of County Commissioners gave amended notice to the Doniphan County Clerk of intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for 2027 budget, setting the hearing date for August 24, 2026 at 9:30 A.M.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said Pat Urban, Urban Construction, LLC., gave her office notice on Friday, July 17, 2026, that they would begin culvert repair on Coronado Road, approximately 10' north of Highland City limits, in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2, Range 19E, today, Monday, July 20, 2026, weather permitting. However, this morning she received a message from Mr. Urban that he plans to begin the project July 27, 2026. Norris will resend notice to adjoining property owners and text notification to county residents to use an alternate route during construction.

Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc., began milling and asphalt overlay on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, July 20, 2026. The estimated timeframe for the project is three days. Once Herzog is finished, IBC will begin striping work on county asphalt roadways.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to rent a road widener (shoulder rock machine) from Herzog Contracting Corporation, Inc. at a rate of $500.00 per day for a period of three days to apply shoulder rock on 240th Road, with Doniphan County to provide labor and fuel. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, upon request of Commissioner Hall, determined potholes exist in the City of Wathena portion of Monument Road. Doniphan County also has an area that was damaged by a falling tree that will need hot patch material and roller to fix.

The Road Office Manager presented the County Commission with map showing adjoining landowners and site location for tube repair as requested by Dennis Handke who owns property located in the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 4, Range 19E, south of Purcell, Kansas, on what is commonly known as Appleton Road. Manager Norris told the County Commission she spoke with Jeff Ladner, spokesman for Effingham, Kansas, Conservation District Office, who said the scope of the project is to fix excessive erosion, with discussion being held on future road closure. Commissioner Collins said he looked at the road and the First Road District should be able to fix the road to where they can access it for tube repair.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris also contacted The Zayo Group about placement of cable in existing conduit along county road rights-of-way. Representatives of The Zayo Group said there will be no boring or digging unless repair of damaged conduit is necessary. Norris will update the utility permit to include repair of damages to county roads and rights-of-way within a certain time frame and send to The Zayo Group to sign before any work begins.

Geology investigation proposals for replacement of LPA Bridge T-831-2, south of US Highway 36 on Oxide and 195th Road, Section 14, Township 3, Range 21E, project No. 22 C-5400-01 under the Federal-aid Off-System Bridge Program were presented to the County Commission for review by PEC, Terracon and UES. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve installation of radio in 2026 Caterpillar motor grader #227 in the First Road District, by Midwest Mobile Radio, in the amount of $778.17. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence was received from Foley Equipment regarding service maintenance on 2020 John Deere motor grader #200 in the First Road District.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to purchase from the Road and Bridge fund 1,000 ton of rock for each Burr Oak, Center and Wayne township roads. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:00 A.M. bid letting was held for replacement of 200' x 24" plastic culvert on Randolph Road, south of 1373 Randolph Road, Section 12, Township 3, Range 21E. Bids were presented, opened and read aloud as follows:

Engemann Drainage Co., Inc.	$14,900.00 (two week start date)
Kent Kiefer Excavating	$ 9,000.00 (start immediately after utilities located)

Commissioner Grable made a motion to accept the best and lowest bid of Kent Kiefer Excavating in the amount of $9,000.00 for replacement of 200' x 24" plastic culvert on Randolph Road, south of 1373 Randolph Road, Section 12, Township 3, Range 21E. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall congratulated the Elwood City Police Department for safety grant award in the amount of $46,000.00. He recommended the Doniphan County Sheriff's Office pursue available grant funding.

At 9:16 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege exception regarding roads and bridges, with open session to reconvene at 9:21 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. No action was taken.

At 9:21 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege exception regarding roads and bridges, with open session to reconvene at 9:26 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. No action was taken.

Chairman Grable asked Emergency Management Coordinator Scott B. Morris if the State of Kansas had declared an emergency disaster declaration, to include Doniphan County, following heavy rainfall the week of June 1, 2026. Emergency Management Coordinator Morris told the County Commission Governor Kelly issued a proclamation of disaster following heavy rainfall the week of June 1, 2026, however the State of Kansas has not met the dollar threshold for eligibility nor has Doniphan County met their threshold of $38,200 to report damages to public roadways and structures. Commissioner Grable said several roads were washed out including ditches on both sides. Coordinator Morris said there is no documentation or proof damage was caused by that particular event; there must be adequate documentation to prove no pre-existing conditions were present at the time of the disaster.

There being no further business before the Board, at 9:46 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY 2026.

DONIPHAN COUNTY CLERK SEAL KANSAS

Attest: Peggy Franken

Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable

Wayne Grable, Chairman