DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 6, 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, Roger Hopkins and Ben Leatherman observed. Presenters and visitors included Aging Director Diana Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the beginning of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the June 29, 2026 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of June 2026 were presented to the County Commission for review by the County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 10 local inmates.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Sandra Simmons on a part-time basis as a driver for Transportation and Meals on Wheels departments. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Diana Johnson informed the County Commission that Redneck Diesel repaired both the 2014 and 2015 Dodge Grand Caravans for a total cost of $1,003.68. The cost of repair work was previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission that Rob Lyons with Vance Brothers, Inc. reported 2026 chip seal projects will be completed on July 2, 2026. He and his boss both looked at 2025 oil and chat roads, finding them to be structurally sounds and not sticky. However if a problem arises, Vance Brothers, Inc. will address and make it right at the end of their chip seal season.

Robert Robinson II contacted the Road Department to let them know of his availability to view County Road 234 (Tom Shiver's Road) Section 23, Township 2, Range 21E with Commissioner Grable and Road Foreman Roger Clark. At their February 23, 2026 County Commission meeting, the Board agreed to construct a minimum maintenance road to Robinson's property.

Dean Cochran called the Road Office to request Runnymede Road, south of 190th Road, be added to the chip seal list.

Union Township Treasurer Audrey Boos, on behalf of Union Township, requested permission from the Board of County Commissioners to place traffic mirrors in the right-of-way along Elgin Road where it is visually dangerous. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will ask for specific locations and additional information prior to the Board taking action.

The Board of County Commissioners were presented with plans from The Zayo Group to install fiber optic cable in their existing conduit system throughout county road rights-of-way. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris asked if a request and petition permit would be required, as the conduit is already in place. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed updated bid specifications for removal and installation of new 200' x 24" crossroad culvert on Randolph Road, south of 1373 Randolph Road, Section 12, Township 3, Range 21E. Plans were changed to Doniphan County removing the existing tube and drop box. Road Office Manager Norris will update bid specifications and submit to contractors for bids.

Project proposals for tube replacements and road work on 175th Road, Section 27, Township 3, Range 21E, to prepare for chip seal, were presented to the County Commission for approval prior to submitting for bid.

- Project Site 1 60'x 30" culvert 175th Road west of Oxide Road
- Project Site 2 Rebuild 175th Road west of Oxide Road, rebuilding the roadway both east and west of 1669 175th Road.
- Project Site 3 install 60'-80' x 30" crossroad culvert west of Oxide Road

No action was taken pending review.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to have inspectors review and approve plans for repair of bridges RS140 on Ash Point Road, north of 270th Road, Sections 5-6, Township 2, Range 19E. And T-15-3 on 280th Road, east of Ash Point Road, Section 32, Township 1, Range 19E and Section 5, Township 2, Range 19E, as both structures are required to be inspected under Federal and State guidelines.

May 2026 Road department expense reports, Road Improvement Fund balances, rock stockpile, bridge plank, road tube and tire inventories were presented to the County Commission for review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner Grable and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris attended preliminary field check with Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) officials for replacement of bridge 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. Commissioner Grable said that while on site discussion was held about replacing the bridge with another structure versus removing the structure and building up the roadway. He said KDOT officials present agreed the structure should be removed and not replaced. And said the County could change the scope of the project and reapply at anytime without it hurting the County's chances for future bridge funding. Road Office Manager Norris reminded the County Commission that the bridge was selected to be submitted to the Federal-aid Off-System Bridge Program due to its poor rating and being an alternate route to US Highway 36. She further stated before action is taken on not replacing the bridge structure, the County would need to legally determine if the Union Pacific Railroad has been abandoned and property reverted back to adjoining landowners.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve dust control permits for 1459 Runnymede Road, 302 190th Road, 1062 195th Road, and 1071 195th Road. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the following Road department expenditures:

Grant's Repair	$ 610.00 (2 steering tires 1st District)
Triple L	$ 530.80 (tires 3rd District)
Triple L	$1,283.24 (tires 1st District)

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve invoice to Breyden Pierce for debris removal in the First Road District in the amount of $1,950.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable cast a nay vote do to no proof of liability insurance. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of 80' x 18" plastic tube for project on 120th Road west of Kansas Highway 7, from Engemann Drainage, Inc. in the amount of $1,012.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to determine responsibility for having trees cut back and trimmed at the intersection of K-238 Highway and 170th Road, prior to the start of the school year.

Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN announced the retirement of long time Health Department/Home Health employee Cathi Floyd. Ms. Floyd will retire on December 31, 2026 after 44 years with the department. Administrator Wilburn told the County Commissioners that at this time the position will be filled from within the Department by Home Health Aide Heather Slater. Slater's Home Health Aide position will be covered by other Aides within the Department.

Commissioner Collins, on behalf of the Board, thanked Cathi Floyd for her dedication to the Health Department over the past 44 years.

Commissioner Grable extended a thank you to the Road Department for their work in preparing roads for the 2026 chip seal season.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with sales tax receipts in the amount of $61,637.68 and EMS sales tax collections in the amount of $100,428.84.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to give notice to the Doniphan County Clerk not to exceed the revenue neutral rate to fund the 2027 Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1 budget, instead reducing the mill levy rate from 1.000 mill to .500 mills. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with the County Attorney deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as it relates to roads, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:29 A.M. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. No action was taken.

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There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:36 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:37 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners met for 2027 Doniphan County budget work session, with the County Attorney, County Clerk, Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN, Treasurer Nicole Diveley and Roger Hopkins present.

At 11:14 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to end the 2027 budget work session. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY 2026.

DONIPHAN COUNTY SEAL KANSAS

Attest: Peggy Franken

Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable

Wayne Grable, Chairman