DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 10, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 8:46 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. Presenters and visitors included Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Matt Cluck, Tony Studer, Shelley Studer, Karol Bembrick, Dennis Bembrick, Shari Bauman, Warren Bauman, Amy Clary, Auditor Sean Gordon, CPA and Aging Director Diana Crouse Johnson.

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

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the amended County Commission meeting agenda to include non-elect personnel executive session and discussion on Diamond Springs tube replacement projects. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of August 14, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of July 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 14 local inmates.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported shoulder rock project along 240th Road, east and west of Highland City limits is complete. Striping of 240th Road, 170th Road and 165th Road will be done this week.

The Board of County Commissioners approved dust control permits for 1207 Freeport Road, Troy, Kansas and 260 140th Road, Denton, Kansas.

Michael Abbett, property owner in Burr Oak Township, inquired with the Road Office about the status to trying to save Peck Road, north of 235th Road, where the creek is cutting back into the roadway. Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to check the road records on recommendations from the Corp of Engineers.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Foley Equipment assessing faulty codes on the 2020 John Deere motor grader #200 in the First Road District. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Draft copies of project scope letters for repair work needed on bridge RS140 on Ash Point Road, north of 270th Road, Section 5-6, Township 2, Range 19E. And T-15-3 on 280th Road, first bridge east of Ash Point Road, Section 5-32, Township 2, Range 19E were presented to the Board for review. The Road Office will send copies to engineering firm Schwab-Eaton for project details, as the structures are on the Kansas Department of Transportation bridge inspection list. The inspections are performed by Engineers with Schwab-Eaton. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris asked the Board of County Commissioners to determine if the existing floor deck will be removed by the Contractor and about placement of 24" rip rap to protect the west bank on bridge RS140. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

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

Engemann Drainage Co. Inc. $5,167.00 (140'x 30" tube 175th Rd plus delivery)
Engemann Drainage Co. Inc. $2,284.00 (80'x 18" tube 1st Dist.)
(40'x 18" Oxide Rd tube)
(40'x 15" Mesquito Creek Rd Tube)

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of signposts from Jack Horner in the amount of $3,500.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to set County policy for providing entrance tube at 40' of plastic pipe. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable concurred with the stipulation if additional footage is needed, the County would provide under certain circumstances. Commissioners Collins and Hall said the landowner would be responsible for paying for additional entrance tube above the County provided 40'. Motion carried 3-0.

Tony Studer, Shelley Studer, Karol Bembrick, Dennis Bembrick, Shari Bauman, Warren Bauman, and Amy Clary, residents along Runnymede Road, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss future chip seal on Runnymede Road, north of 190th Road. Commissioner Hall made a motion to add Runnymede Road to the chip seal list. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Matt Cluck, owner of Triple L, met with the County Commission to voice concerns about 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. Mr. Cluck said the current condition of the project is worse than it was prior to repair, with the east side having a slope of 1:1 instead of the project scope of 3:1 and only 90' of 120' tube (120' tube cost reimbursed to Urban Construction by Doniphan County) was installed by contractor Urban Construction, LLC. Mr. Cluck asked how the terms of the contract could have been changed without approval by the Board of County Commissioners and asked that the contractor be held accountable. The Board of County Commissioners asked Clerk Franken to contact Contractor Pat Urban, of Urban Construction LLC, and ask him to come to the next Commission meeting to discuss the project.

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

The Board was in receipt of invitation from Summit Truck Bodies of Wathena, Kansas, to attend a ribbon cutting on September 10, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

Sean Gordon, CPA, reviewed with the Board of County Commissioners the 2025 Doniphan County financial audit. Auditor Gordon said the financial audit received the highest and cleanest opinion issued; citing no recommendations to report.

Aging Director Diana Crouse Johnson discussed with the County Commission the menu for Meals on Wheels. It was the consensus of the Board of County Commissioners to remove lettuce and salads from the menu for a period of two months due to the threat of the cyclosporas virus.

A desk no longer in use by the Sheriff's department will be donated to Doniphan County Services and Workskills.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve and adopt updates to the Doniphan County Transportation's Compliance One Drug and Alcohol Assistance Policy. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Joyce Dozing and Fencing, LLC to assist the First Road District replacing tubes on Diamond Springs Road, at a cost not to exceed $3,500.00. Motion died for lack of second.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to obtain dozer rental prices to be used to replace tubes on Diamond Springs Road, with the road crew to perform the work.

At 9:49 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 10:04 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, at 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

Attest: Peggy Franken
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable
Wayne Grable, Chairman