DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 17, 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. Others present for a portion of the meeting included Aging Director Diana Crouse Johnson, Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN, Robert Robinson II and Sheriff Mark Allen.

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 legal executive session, discussion on Diamond Springs culvert repairs and Four State Lookout road repair. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the August 10, 2026 regular meeting, primary election canvass, August 11, 2026 special meeting and August 13, 2026 special meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 15 local inmates.

Aging Director Diana Crouse Johnson informed the County Commission the airbag warning light on the 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan was on after being repaired by Redneck Diesel. She took the vehicle back to Redneck Diesel, who fixed the issue, along with repairing a loose door. While fixing the airbag warning light, she asked them to assess a noise the vehicle was also making while driving it. Mechanics with Redneck Diesel did not find any issues. Neumann Services did not have time to look at the vehicle so she took it to Triple L. Triple L assessed the vehicle giving an estimate to repair the brakes, struts, front right and left brake calipers; which she presented to the County Commission for approval. Commissioner Grable remarked "We're not taking it to Triple L." Crouse Johnson said the van was already at Triple L and asked if the Board wanted her to go get it. Commissioner Grable instructed Crouse Johnson to pick up the van and offered to get the estimates himself. Commissioner Hall said "We aren't picking who we want to do work, get three bids." Commissioner Collins and Grable both agreed with obtaining additional bids from Neumann Services and Redneck Diesel for brake repair on the 2014

Dodge Grand Caravan. Director Crouse Johnson voiced concern with driving the van due to brake issues, saying she would have it towed from Triple L to Neumann Services.

Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN requested permission for Bethani Jarrett, RN and Kinlee Taylor, RN attendance at the Kansas Home Health Conference. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the cost of attendance for Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency nurses at the Kansas Home Health Conference. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN reported Home Health patient census numbers are up more than they have been in the past two years.

County Clerk Peggy Franken announced the retirement of Road Department employee Tom Miller effective August 31, 2026.

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

Engemann Drainage Co., Inc.	$2,128.00 (18"x 120' pipe 2nd Dist.) (18"x 20' pipe 1st Dist.)
Redneck Diesel	$1,006.72 (2020 Peterbilt steering pump)

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

130th Road rebuild project, east of Kansas Highway 7, Section 13, Township 4, Range 20E, is complete according to Urban Construction, LLC subcontractor Breyden Pierce, with exception of County rocking the roadbed. Reseeding of CRP ground will be done later in the season.

Asphalt striping of 240th Road, 170th Road and 165th Road will begin today, due to inclement weather the previous week.

Wilson Excavating & Construction contacted the Road and Bridge office last week requesting they be added to the County contractor list and supplied the County with proof of insurance.

Contract work agreements between Doniphan County and Engemann Drainage Co., Inc. for three project sites on 175th Road, west of Oxide Road, involving two culvert replacements and rebuilding 175th Road, west of Oxide Road to the west boundary line of the 118.98 acre tract owned by Thad and Bobette Geiger (1669 175th Road), were presented to the County Commission for review. Commissioner Grable said he will check specifications on Site 3 prior to the County Commission taking action.

The Board of County Commissioners asked County Clerk Peggy Franken to have the Road Department contact engineering firm Snyder & Associates of St. Joseph, Missouri, to review files, perform survey, detail cross sections and draft repair plans to repair creek

bank erosion along Peck Road, south of 245th Road, in Section 23, Township 2, Range 21E.

The Zayo Group will be required to submit a Request and Petition, along with project commencement and completion dates, for pulling fiber optic cable through existing conduit in County right-of-way.

Commissioner Hall informed the County Commission he held a telephone call with Elwood Gladden Drainage District Attorney Joel R. Euler notifying him that the County will repair 210th Road, Section 11, Township 3, Range 22E, withholding future payment to Elwood Gladden Drainage District for levee repair until the County is reimbursed for road maintenance. The Third Road District will keep track of haul loads and labor, with the road to be fixed prior to the 2026 harvest season.

Robert Robinson II met with the County Commission to get a status update and plan on rebuilding County Road 234, also known as Tom Shivers Road, Section 23, Township 2, Range 21E. Second District Commissioner Wayne Grable said the County has a plan as approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their February 23, 2026 County Commission meeting. Work will begin after County roads are prepared for the 2026 harvest season. Mr. Robinson asked that the County wait until after the 2026 deer season as to not interfere with the adjoining property owner's hunting. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins will set up a meeting between affected property owners Jacob Werger and Robert Robinson II to discuss specifics of the project. The following is an excerpt from the February 23, 2026 meeting.

"Robert Robinson II met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss improvements to County Road 234, also known as Tom Shiver's Road, Section 23, Township 2, Range 21E. Adjoining landowner Jacob Werger appeared by telephone. After discussion it was agreed upon by Jacob Werger, Robert Robinson II and the Board of County Commissioners that a minimal maintenance (farm) road will be constructed south of the pond dam, on property currently owned by Jacob and Allison Werger, to allow Robert Robinson II, adjoining landowner, and all future landowners and tenants, access to a 46 acre tract (CE174) in the south ½ of the southwest ¼ of Section 23 with the following stipulations:

1. County will construct a minimal maintenance road with a 40' right-of-way.
2. The road will be constructed south of the pond dam going through tracts CE162 and CE172.
3. The current road right-of-way will be swapped with Mr. Werger for right-of-way south of the dam.
4. The road will be surveyed upon completion for permanent road record and closed, with adjoining landowners and tenants having access.
5. Jacob Werger and Robert Robinson II are allowed to put a gate across the county road as long as all adjoining landowners and County have a key to the gate.
6. The County will notify all adjoining landowners if the road status changes from closed to open."

At 9:06 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege with open session to reconvene at 9:11 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.

Commissioner Collins presented the County Commission with dozer rental costs from Foley Equipment to complete two culvert replacement projects on Diamond Springs Road, Section 26, Township 4, Range 19E. Daily rate $2,083.00, weekly rate $5,057.00 and monthly rate $13,596.00. Commissioner Collins said the dozer could be used in other areas of the district to complete road projects. No action was taken.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Joyce Dozing and Fencing, LLC to assist the First District Road Department on two separate culvert replacement projects on Diamond Springs Road, Section 26, Township 4, Range 19E, at a cost not to exceed $2,000.00 per project. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1. Doniphan County will draw up temporary work agreements between the contractor, county and adjoining landowners. Joyce Dozing and Fencing, LLC to provide Doniphan County with proof of insurance.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of 125 ton of rock for 3rd Street in the City of White Cloud to the Four State Lookout, which is listed as one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas. Payment to be made from the County road fund with First Road District to shape the road prior to applying rock. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins asked County Attorney the status of opening bridge RS380 on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E. County Attorney Baskins said he has no additional information to report at this time.

At 9:29 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege with open session to reconvene at 9:34 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained. No action was taken.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of a letter from Elwood City Mayor Travis Holcomb regarding concerns for 911 system and emergency dispatch. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending review of the letter and meeting with Sheriff Mark Allen to address concerns.

Sheriff Mark Allen met with the County Commission to discuss issues with the analog switch on the generator at the Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center. On Wednesday, August 12, 2026 the City of Troy had an electrical issue which caused a partial power outage at the Sheriff's Department. The generator did not recognize the partial phase outage and needed to be turned on manually. P1 Group has been contacted to give a quote to replace the analog switch with a digital switch. Commissioner Hall asked if all jail staff is trained on manually switching to generator

power in the event of an outage. Sheriff Mark Allen said all Jailers are trained on manually switching on and off the generator in an emergency. Commissioner Hall asked Sheriff Allen to be proactive on public awareness when there is an issue that may affect emergency services.

There being no further business before the Board, at 9:53 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

DONIPHAN COUNTY CLERK SEAL KANSAS

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman