DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 David Weber observed. Others present for a portion of the meeting included Emergency Management Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Scott Morris, Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN, Doniphan Electric Line Superintendent Trevor Schmille, Evergy Engineer Braden Stewart, Republic Services Representatives Jeff Hamm and Dillon Pierson, Miller Trash Service Representatives Mike Miller, Rhonda Miller and Cody Miller, and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

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

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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the August 31, 2026 regular meeting correcting illegal dumpsite on 130th Road, clarifying the location between Ottumwa and Monument Roads. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve County Commission minutes from September 4, 2026 special meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Fee reports for the month of August 2026 were presented to the Board for review on behalf of the County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 16 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of a thank you from Callee Meng, a 5-year old member of the Clover Bud 4-H club, thanking them for their support of the Doniphan County 4-H program.

David Weber thanked the Second Road District for rock on Sheridan Road, Section 8, Township 4, Range 22E, requesting the road be bladed and said the concrete box culvert on the east side of the road is in dangerous condition. Commissioner Grable will ask Second Road District Foreman Roger Clark to check on the culvert for possible repair.

Mr. Weber also asked for clarification on the approval of coolant as referenced in the August 3, 2026 County Commission minutes for the 2020 John Deere motor grader #200. The Board explained the price quoted in the minutes was a misprint. Weber also spoke with the County Commission about treatment of noxious weeds on neighboring property adjoining his.

Emergency Management Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Scott Morris gave the County Commission an update on drone activity since its purchase. There are currently four licensed drone pilots; Elwood Police Chief Brandon Whetstine, Wathena Police Chief Dennis Thompson, Doniphan County Sheriff's employee Jackie Clary and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Morris. The drone has been used for more than (9) calls for service including three (3) investigations. He thanked the County Commission for allowing the purchase of the drone, saying it has been beneficial countywide.

County Clerk Peggy Franken reviewed with the Board of County Commissioners the August 2026 departmental budget summary and cash activity report.

Chairman Grable appointed Karla Duncan and Laura Winkel overseers for destruction of voting ballots cast in the March 19, 2024, August 6, 2024, November 5, 2024, February 4, 2025 and November 4, 2025 elections pursuant to K.S.A 25-2708.

The Board of County Commissioners received notification from the Kansas Development Finance Authority regarding Agricultural Development Revenue Bonds as part of the "Beginning Farmer" program for Jace J Grubb for property located in Section 34, Township 1, Range 19E, approximately 2 miles west of Iowa Point, accessible on Castleton Road.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Local Workforce Development Area pursuant to the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners received a letter from David Masters of Mastco Inc. regarding the condition and future of Oxide Road north of 175th Road. Mastco Inc. owns the land northeast of the intersection of Oxide Road and 175th Road, Section 26, Township 3, Range 21E. Mr. Masters asked the County to consider 1) If traffic and public need do not justify reconstruction of Oxide Road, pursue the appropriate process to close or vacate the section of Oxide Road in question. Or 2) If the road should remain open, establish the legal centerline and right-of-way and develop a professionally designed reconstruction, drainage and erosion-control plan before significant work begins or adjoining property is disturbed. The Board of County Commissioners took the letter under advisement.

Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Chantal Wilburn, LPN, presented the County Commission with an invoice in the amount of $833.00 for the Kansas Homecare and Hospice Association dues. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve dues in the amount of $833.00 for the Kansas Homecare and Hospice Association. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doniphan Electric Line Superintendent Trevor Schmille and Evergy Engineer Braden Stewart presented the County Commission with plans for the Blair substation rebuild project, located on Randolph and 175th Roads, Section 30, Township 3, Range 22E. Superintendent Schmille told the County Commission that Doniphan Electric would like a decision on placing Evergy's meter box in the County road right-of-way on Randolph Road, 10.7' from the northwest corner of the current substation fence. Doniphan Electric will bore a new line from the pole on the south side of 175th Road to the new meter box. Two existing entrance tubes will be replaced with a 50' tube, to be purchased by Doniphan Electric with Doniphan County Road Department to install. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve Doniphan Electric's request to install meter box in Doniphan County right-of-way on the east side of Randolph Road, to bore a new line under 175th Road from the power pole to the new meter box, and for Doniphan Electric to purchase 50' tube to replace two existing entrance tubes, with Doniphan County Road Department to install the new entrance tube. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeff Hamm and Dillon Pierson, representing Republic Services, met with the County Commissioners to discuss Republic Services proposal to operate the Doniphan County Transfer Station. Chairman Grable told Mr. Hamm and Mr. Pierson, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, that the best direction for the County would be for Doniphan County to continue to run the Doniphan County Transfer Station with Miller Trash Service operating it at this time. Miller Trash Service Representatives Mike Miller, Rhonda Miller and Cody Miller were present. Discussion was held on the current haul agreement (expires December 31, 2026) between Republic Services, formerly Hamm, and Miller Trash Service to transport waste to the Republic Services landfill. Mr. Pierson indicated the haul agreement was tied to the proposed operating agreement between Doniphan County and Republic Services and doesn't make economic sense for Republic Services to continue to haul waste from the Doniphan County Transfer Station at the end of the current contract period without Republic Services also operating the Transfer Station. Miller Trash Service will begin the process of finding a company to haul waste from the Doniphan County Transfer Station to an approved landfill site beginning January 1, 2027.

ADB Companies has informed the Road Department installation of fiber optic cable through The Zayo Group existing conduit in County rights-of-way along 334th, Friendship, 110th, Elgin, 115th, Diamond Springs and 130th roads will begin September 14, 2026 with the project to be completed by December 4, 2026.

Chris Adelman, with Husker Steel, viewed and is preparing proposals for repair of bridges 1) T-15-3 on 280th Road, first bridge east of Ash Point Road, Sections 5-32, Township 2, Range 19E. And 2) RS140 on Ash Point Road, north of 270th Road, Sections 5-6, Township 2, Range 19E.

Engineers with Snyder & Associates reviewed files and viewed Peck Road, south of 245th Road, Section 23, Township 2, Range 21E, in order to give a proposal to perform a survey, detail cross sections and draft plans to repair creek bank erosion.

Snyder & Associates Engineers also viewed bridge RS380 on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E to give a proposal on engineering reconstruction plans.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve request for reimbursement for payment number three to Reece Construction in the amount of $315,036.97 from Kansas Department of Transportation's Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program project No. 22C-5266-01 for bridge RS380, on 240th Road west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to pay contractual payment to Schwab Eaton for original engineering services on 240th Road west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E, in the amount of $3,779.60. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with an invoice from Midwest Sealing & Construction for asphalt crack repair on Castleton Road. The original bid amount was $10,037.50, however due to additional cracks and materials used, the final bill was $10,439.00. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payment to Midwest Sealing & Construction in the amount of $10,439.00 for crack sealant on Castleton Road. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Landowner temporary work agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and Thad and Bobette Geiger for reconstruction of 175th Road starting at the intersection with Oxide Road, traveling west on 175th Road for 2,661' to the west boundary line of Thad and Bobette Geiger's 118.98 ac tract (CE554) in Section 27, Township 3, Range 21E. Thad Geiger requested amendments be made to include agreement between Geiger's as landowners and Engemann Drainage Co. Inc., as the contractor. 1) Contractor agreed to clear trees and brush on south side of 175th Road east of the mailbox at 1669 175th Road, Troy, Kansas. And 2) Contractor will repair Geiger driveway entrance to flow with road (as per contractor/landowner agreement). The Board of County Commissioners agreed to include the contractor/landowner arrangements in the temporary work agreement. Doniphan County will supply grass seed for seeding road banks once job is completed.

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

Foley Equipment	$1,753.38 (2021 Cat skid loader #203)
Redneck Diesel	$3,536.30 (2020 Peterbilt #206 cross member repair)
Redneck Diesel	$1,143.90 (2005 Freightliner #126 brake repair)
Triple L	$ 916.32 (2018 Western Star #5 tires)
Triple L	$1,560.84 (2006 broom #96 fuel tank, battery & filters)
Engemann Drainage	$1,796.00 (2nd District road tubes)
Metal Culverts	$1,223.44 (tube elbows and bands 2nd District)
Midwest Sealing	$1,137.50 (pothole repair Monument & Sheridan Road)

Commissioner Hall told the County Commission he made a motion earlier in the year to purchase tubes from Engemann Drainage Co., Inc. as they were the only vendor in the County selling road tubes. However, Forge Build in Elwood, Kansas, and possibly MCon are also selling road tubes. He asked the Road Department to price tubes with all County vendors and purchase based on the lowest cost.

Commissioner Grable told the County Commission the Second Road District needs approval for 600 ton of rock for Center Township from County Road and Bridge funds to be used on Mineral Point Road between 175th and 155th roads. No action was taken pending Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris supplying the County Commission with an accounting of Road Improvement Funds and previously approved rock left for Center Township.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris gave the Board of County Commissioners minutes of the March 16, 2026 County Commission meeting laying out a three year road plan, per Commissioner Hall's request.

At 9:44 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege with open session to reconvene at 9:52 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.

At 9:52 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege with open session to reconvene at 9:54 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 9:55 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman

DONIPHAN COUNTY CLERK SEAL KANSAS