DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 5, 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 Dale Wetmore, Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Register of Deeds Rhian Ptomey, Deputy Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Bethani Jarrett, RN, Whitney McCauley, RN and Kinlee Taylor, RN.

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 Collins made a motion to approve minutes of the September 28, 2026, regular County Commission meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 17 local inmates.

Due to the observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Dale Wetmore, rural Troy, Kansas, resident asked for the County Commissions' assistance with making motorists aware of dangerous intersection at US Highway 36 and Mesquito Creek Road. The site has been subject to several accidents, including fatalities. Previous Boards of County Commissioners have written and approached the Kansas Department of Transportation about the dangerous intersection, asking for warning signals to notify motorists, to no avail. Mr. Wetmore said he spoke with Kenny Peden, local supervisor with the Kansas Department of Transportation about motorists warning assistance. Mr. Peden said he would take the request to the local engineer. Chairman Grable told Mr. Wetmore the Kansas Department of Transportation is responsible for the intersection, owning the right-of-way on Mesquito Creek Road almost to the Dollar General driveway. He will also talk to the Kansas Department of Transportation about installing motorist warning signals. Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase flashing red lights to be installed on stop signs on the north and south intersections of US Highway 36 and Mesquito Creek Road, subject to Kansas Department of Transportation approval. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented the County Commission with bids for four Yokohama replacement tires for the 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan:

Neumann Services	$658.00 (mount/balance/new stems/disposal/warranty)
Diamond Fab	$757.28 (mount/balance/new stems/disposal)
Triple L Tire	$695.22 (mount/balance/new stems/disposal/warranty/rotation)

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the best bid of Triple L Tire in the amount of $695.22 which includes additional service for tire rotation. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Diana Crouse-Johnson, Aging Director, also presented the County Commission with bids for replacement flooring for the kitchen, dining and bathroom areas of the Highland Senior Citizens Center, 102 N. Kirkwood St., Highland, Kansas:

Carpet Plus	$6,265.20
Stonebarger Electric	$8,957.46
Meyers Floors	$9,012.50

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the low bid of Carpet Plus in the amount of $6,265.20 for materials and labor for removing existing flooring and installation of luxury vinyl plank flooring in the kitchen, dining and bathroom areas of the Highland Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the annual Troy Pioneer Center Lease agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and City of Troy, Kansas. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Register of Deeds Rhian Ptomey informed the County Commission no building will be placed on property in the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 34, Township 1, Range 19E, therefore a 911 address will not be assigned. The title company needed acknowledgement from Doniphan County that Castleton Road is a dedicated county road. No further action is needed. Commissioner Collins told the County Board the property has access from 280th Road.

Sales tax collections in the amount of $37,884.71 and EMS sales tax collections in the amount of $61,819.15 were reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Clerk Peggy Franken explained the reduction in sales tax collections was due to sales tax refund for public utility Evergy.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve utility permit for Evergy for placement of LED light pole at the intersection of 165th and Vernon Roads. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve proposal from Herzog Contracting Corporation to apply 2.5" asphalt wedge and overlay on Friendship Road south of 887 Friendship Road approximately 1,584' long by 22' wide, in the amount of $66,700.00 with the expense to be paid from Independence Township Road Improvement funds. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve purchase of tubes for 175th Road project and Mineral Point Road from Engemann Drainage Co. Inc. in the amount of $1,822.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Deputy Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Bethani Jarrett, RN, Whitney McCauley, RN and Kinlee Taylor, RN, were present to discuss operations of the Health Department/Home Health Agency until such time as an administrator is hired. Whitney McCauley, RN presented the County Commission with the quarterly review of Local Aid grants, along with WIC Contract. Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve and submit the WIC Contract as presented. Commissioner Hall Seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to grant authority for Deputy Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Bethani Jarrett, RN, to execute all grant documents on behalf of the agency until an administrator is hired. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Briana Hrenchir and Rachel Burchett for Health Department building cleaning services at a monthly cost of $800.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into an agreement between Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency and Shred-it (Stericycle) for paper document shredding services. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

An advertisement will be placed for Heath Department/Home Health Administrator. The position requires a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN) degree. The Board of County Commissioners will conduct applicant interviews with the assistance of Deputy Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Bethani Jarrett, RN.

The Board of County Commissioners briefly discussed hiring of County grant writer. No action was taken.

At 9:14 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege with open session to reconvene at 9:24 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.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve Property Damage Release and accept payment for damages from Shelter Insurance on behalf of Jaime and Luke Terry in the amount of $28,250.00 for damage caused to bridge structure T-433-1 located on 190th and Randolph Roads do to a motor vehicle accident on July 28, 2026. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:31 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel with open session to reconvene at 9:41 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk, Deputy Health Department Administrator/Home Health Director Bethani Jarrett, RN, Whitney McCauley, RN and Kinlee Taylor, RN, remained. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, at 9:42 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

Attest: Peggy Franken

Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable

Wayne Grable, Chairman