DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 26, 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.

Roger Hopkins observed. Others present for a portion of the meeting included Gerald E. Pierce, Jr., Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Custodian Laura Winkel and Sheriff Mark Allen.

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 October 19, 2026, regular County Commission meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of October 30, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Gerald E. Pierce, Jr., appeared before the Board of County Commissioners telling them he appreciates being able to access his property from 130th Road, east of Kansas Highway 7, Section 13, Township 4, Range 20E. However, Mr. Pierce has concerns with emergency services, including fire trucks, and school buses being able to access the property due to the steep hill at the east end of the road. Pierce stated he continues discussions with his attorney regarding access to the property from Larkinburg Road. Chairman Grable said the County's agreement was to build and rock 130th Road.

Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson presented bids for repair of the 2023 Chrysler Voyager transportation van:

Redneck Diesel	$1,555.78 (6 spark plugs, manifold gasket, 6 ignition coil)
Dirty Deeks Garage	$1,676.95 (6 spark plugs, manifold gasket, 1 ignition coil)
Triple L	$ 640.17 (6 spark plugs, manifold gasket, 3 ignition coil)

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the best bid Redneck Diesel in the amount of $1,555.78 for repair of the 2023 Chrysler Voyager. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bids were presented for struts and alignment of the 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan transportation van by Aging Director Diana Crouse-Johnson:

Redneck Diesel	$ 999.36 (plus $125.00 alignment by Belt Alignment)
Triple L	$1,170.44 (includes alignment)

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the best bid of Redneck Diesel with Belt Alignment doing the alignment work. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to approve the purchase of floor trim molding for the Highland Senior Citizens Center, if the expense exceeds the Aging Director's spending authority.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Sheriff Mark Allen to discuss a complaint about 911 Dispatch received by Commissioner Hall from Elwood Police Chief Brandon Whetstine.

An application for road operator's position was presented to the County Commission for review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the application, taking no action.

The Board of County Commissioners received final invoice from Herzog Contracting Corporation for 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 $64,845.05 with Independence Township road improvement funds paying the expense.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Board with rock expenses hauled through October 16, 2026, to be paid October 30, 2026.

Chris Adelman, Husker Steel, followed up on proposal for abutment repair on bridge T-15-3 on 280th Road, first bridge east of Ash Point Road, Section 5-32, Township 2 Range 19E. He suggested the Commissioners consider repairing the east end of the bridge now and follow up on repairs of the west side in the future. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will ask Mr. Adelman to prepare a cost estimate to repair the east end of bridge T-15-3 for Board consideration.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris asked the Board of County Commissioners if any action has been taken on selecting an engineering firm to perform construction and inspection services for replacement of 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. And execution of Code of Conduct and Certification of Project Application required due to the project being administered with Federal funds. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will inquire with the Kansas Department of Transportation to determine if Chairman Grable is precluded from voting on any part of the bridge replacement project, as adjoining landowner, prior to the Board of County Commissioners acting.

Commissioner Hall told the County Commission Third District Road Foreman Chris Schultz has concerns with bridge on 245th and Sheridan Road being in poor condition. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will obtain a copy of the latest bridge inspection report for Board review.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve 2,000 hour service on 2020 John Deere motor grader (#199) by Foley Equipment in the amount of $4,083.24. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to grant Alan Larson permission to bore drain tile under 130th Road, Section 15, Township 4, Range 20E, to help prevent erosion. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Custodian Laura Winkel discussed with the Board of County Commissioners restoration of the courthouse south porch landing to its original limestone finish. Cost estimates for repair of top step with limestone cap will be obtained. Custodian Winkel also gave the Board an update on gazebo repair work by Stonebarger Electric.

Doniphan County has entered into a contractual agreement with Snyder & Associates for engineering construction redesign, surveying and onsite inspection on bridge RS380, located on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E. Once redesign plans are finalized by Snyder & Associates, Doniphan County will work with the original contractor to complete the bridge replacement project.

There being no further business before the Board, at 9:46 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

DONIPHAN COUNTY KANSAS SEAL

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Wayne Grable, Chairman