

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 16, 2018**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 o'clock A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart observed the entire meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include executive session for non-elect personnel in the Road Department. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve county commission minutes of the July 9, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of July 16, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Currently there are 13 local and 9 out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

Don and Beverly Kentzler appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to express concerns with motor grader operators of the Road Department cutting an exposed telephone cable servicing the Kentzler landline. Chairman Geiger said the County Commission will send representatives of Centurylink a letter requesting the telephone cable be buried and remind equipment operators of the Road Department to be mindful of exposed and buried cables while blading roadways.

Charlie and Pat Meers met with the County Commissioners to discuss road concerns on 190th Road (old Hwy 36) and dilapidated properties in Blair, Kansas. Commission Geiger, Second District Representative, said he would view 190th Road and the Blair area following the County Commission meeting to make recommendation on road repairs and clean up.

John M. Smith, Jr., appeared before the County Commission concerning equipment operators with the Road Department cutting telephone cables while blading county roadways and the cost of repair. Mr. Smith also discussed the cost of utilities on his property with the Board.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson presented the County Commissioners with a letter requesting Mrs. Johnson be appointed to the City of St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization Board as a voting member. Said letter was executed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Director Johnson updated the Board on the Doniphan County Strategic Plan, stating appointments are being made to various task force, with an emphasis on grocery stores and housing needs, at this time.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of correspondence from the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation, regarding 2017 Real Estate Appraisals and Sales Ratio Study pursuant to KSA 79-1489. The Doniphan County Appraiser's Office has met the statistical performance standards established for both commercial/industrial and residential classes of property.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with June 2018 departmental budget and expense report for their review.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with a list of roadways to be chip sealed during the 2018 season. Norris asked for clarification on .60 mile in the City of White Cloud, slated to be chip sealed, as the City of White Cloud had not agreed nor asked for the street to be completed. Commissioner Collins, Representative of the First District, agreed to remove .60 mile of roadway proposed for the City of White Cloud from the 2018 chip seal schedule.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris also inquired about 2 miles south of Bendena on Friendship Road, on the schedule for 2018 chip seal projects. Stating only 1 mile south of Bendena on Friendship Road is included on the approved road list pursuant to County Resolution 2014-11. Commissioner Collins agreed to remove 1 mile south of 150th Road on Friendship Road from the 2018 list of chip seal projects.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, gave the Board of County Commissioners four bridge structures, which meet the required qualifications, to consider for application on the Kansas Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2020 Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. Mrs. Norris asked the County Commission to narrow the selection to two structures in order to make application by August 3, 2018. The Board took no action pending review of each structure.

Road and Bridge expense report for the month of June 2018 was presented to the Board for their review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

At 9:43 A.M. the Board took a 5-minute recess with the meeting called back to order at 9:48 A.M.

At 9:49 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:04 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 10:10 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect courthouse personnel with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:30 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Geiger opened discussion on Commissioner Collins' request to purchase an 8'x 80' tube for 150th Road, between K-7 Highway and Friendship Road. Commissioner Collins said the long term plan is to replace two smaller structures with a 6'x120' tube already in stock and an 8'x80' tube, estimated to cost \$11,988.40. Once the tubes have been placed, banks will be taken down and the roadway built up. Independence Township Road Improvement Funds will pay for rocking the road. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to purchase an 8'x80' tube for 150th Road in First District, at a cost of \$11,988.40, with placement to take place following 2018 chip seal season. Commissioner McKernan cast a nay vote.

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a draft copy of the 2019 Budget in detail. No action was taken on approving the budget for public hearing.

Commissioner Geiger asked for the Board's consideration in developing a long term hard surface road plan for the Road Department, by determining the cost to chip seal one existing mile of county road, equipment maintenance and resurfacing schedule versus asphaltting or contracting out hard surfacing projects.

At 11:40 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department. Motion died for lack of second.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:41 A.M.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman