

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 23, 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 and Susan Studer 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 courthouse personnel, condition of courtyard trees and motor grader tire bids. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve county commission minutes of the July 16, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Fee report for the period of July 1-15, 2018 was presented to the Board on behalf of the Sheriff for their review.

Currently there are 11 local and 9 out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart asked about the status of the First District Road Foreman. Chairman Geiger read aloud a statement from Robert Edie announcing his retirement effective July 31, 2018 from Doniphan County, Kansas.

Correspondence was presented from Northeast Kansas Environmental Services regarding cleanup of nuisance on property located at 1883 190th Road. Chairman Geiger initiated discussion on amending zoning regulations to address property neglect which negatively affects adjoining land property values. Clean up of dilapidated properties by the County, with cleanup costs recuperated through special assessment on the property tax roll was also discussed with no action taken.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reviewed items under "Old Business" on the County Commission meeting agenda:

- Minimal Maintenance Road List/Resolution – target deadline of October 1, 2018 to pinpoint exact locations of roadways and have posted.
- Equipment Repair/Maintenance Schedule – County Commission to develop policy
- Road Project List Complete with Costs – County Commission to develop policy
- Road Right-of-Way Obstruction List and Landowner Notification – Road Department is in the process of determining right-of-way widths and will send notification letters to individuals in violation.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, informed the County Commission of a hydraulic issue with the #96 broom, Berry Tractor has been contacted to assess necessary repairs.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve the following expenditures pertaining to the Road Department. Mayday Truck Repair \$682.80 for 2005 Mack truck, chat for City of Highland, with the City to reimburse \$3,305.18, base rock for Doniphan County 4-H Fairgrounds \$4,054.91 and rock for Tioga Road \$7,292.00. Motion carried.

Road Office Manger Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with a copy of County Resolution 2014-11 pertaining to hard surface county roadways, along with a list of 2018 chip seal projects, for their review.

Commissioner Collins presented bids for the purchase of two (2) motor grader tires from Kansasland Tire as follows:

- Bridgestone \$1502.65 each
- Goodyear \$1200.00 each
- Titan \$895.34 each

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to accept the bid for the purchase of two (2) Titan brand tires from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$895.34 each. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners held a 90-day probationary period review with Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, who gave an overview and update on economic development since her tenure in office. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to increase the salary of the Economic Development Director to \$43,000.00 upon completion of 90-day probationary period, pursuant to employment agreement, effective August 1, 2018. Motion carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken asked for the Board of County Commissioners consideration in replacing the carpeting in the courthouse third floor restroom with laminate flooring. The Board made no objections to obtaining bids for replacement of the restroom carpet, with Commissioner Collins asking for a bid for tile as well as laminate flooring.

Commissioner McKernan asked that the Doniphan County Extension Office view the trees in the courtyard for disease and take appropriate action for treatment. The Board asked County Clerk Peggy Franken to contact the Doniphan County Extension Office on their behalf.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to publish the 2019 Doniphan County budget for public hearing at a mill levy rate of 40.393 mills, approximately 3.2 mills less than 2018. Commissioner Collins cast a nay vote.

At 9:16 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, 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 Doniphan County Commission at 9:36 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Collins asked County Attorney Charles Baskins for information on holding a delinquent tax foreclosure sale, discussion was tabled until the July 30, 2018 meeting with the County Treasurer to also be present.

In public comment Susan Studer asked about requirements of rock trucks being tarped. The Board indicated all County rock trucks shall be tarped at all times. Mrs. Studer stated during the previous week two County rock trucks were observed traveling on Mesquito Creek Road fully loaded and not tarped. Chairman Geiger said the Road Department would be reminded of the requirement immediately following adjournment of the County Commission meeting.

Mrs. Studer also asked the status of the 2019 Doniphan County Budget. Chairman Geiger indicated it was set for publication of public hearing prior to adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:51 A.M.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman