

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 27, 2018**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 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 absent.

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 involving non-elect personnel in Road Department and discussion of snow removal in the Third Road District. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the August 13, 2018 regular meeting and Primary Election Canvass as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of August 31, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Currently there are 13 local and 7 out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

In observation of Labor Day on Monday, September 3, 2018, the Doniphan County Commission will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Charlie and Pat Meers appeared before the County Commission to inquire as to action taken on cleanup of dilapidated properties in Blair, Kansas and road repair on 190th Road. Second District County Commissioner Geiger stated Northeast Kansas Environmental Services, Doniphan County Zoning Department and Doniphan County Economic Development are working to develop a notification system and policy for cleanup of properties located throughout Doniphan County. Such notification would include a timeframe for property cleanup, if no action is taken by the property owner, Doniphan County will cleanup and assess the cost back to the property owner through special assessment on the tax roll. In addition, Commissioner Geiger and Second District Road Foreman Danny Adkins met to view 190th Road, ditches will be cleaned out to prevent washing across the roadway and the road patched following completion of major summer projects, with a fall timeframe if not sooner.

Discussion was held on courthouse security, with the County Commission agreeing to meet with Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng and Sheriff Chad Clary on September 4, 2018 to review current emergency operations plans for the courthouse.

Bids were presented for the purchase of four (4) Firestone 245/75/16 pickup truck tires:

- Campbell Oil - bid not considered, quoted tire not tire requested
- Consumer Oil & Propane - \$120.58 each
- Neumann Service - \$119.59 each

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to accept the low bid of Neumann Service for the purchase of four (4) Firestone pickup truck tires. Motion carried.

At 8:52 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion 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 at 9:02 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion and it carried. The County Clerk and Road Office Manager were present.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to extend the executive session at 9:02 A.M. for the purpose of continuing discussion and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:12 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. All remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Sean C. Price to fill the position of First District Road Foreman, subject to 90-day probationary period, at a starting salary of \$40,000.00 with the salary to increase to \$42,080.00 upon completion of probationary period with satisfactory review. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the following unapproved expenditures for the Road Department: Franken Auto Parts \$353.03, Davies Oil Company \$568.00 and Overhead Door \$548.10. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve reimbursement for dust control in the amount of \$514.71, at 779 Monument Road, due to no notification given to property owner prior to blading with County maintainer. Motion carried. Doniphan County Road Department will develop a policy for notification and maintenance of roadways with dust control application.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase load limit posting signs for six (6) bridge structures in the amount of \$373.70; as required by Kansas Department of Transportation load rating inspection. Motion carried.

The Board reminded area farmers to contact the Road Office in order to have road signs temporarily removed to accommodate harvest.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with an invoice in the amount of \$558.73 from Midway Ford to assess repair work needed on one of the leased 2018 Western Star dump trucks. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the invoice, with future repairs to be assessed by mechanics upon recommendation of local farmers or over the road drivers.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase eight (8) 18”x30’ tubes plus bands for the First Road District in the amount of \$3199.20. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Norris presented the Board with Road and Bridge year-to-date expenditures for their review.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to make application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for exchange of Federal funds in the amount of \$89,121.61 to State funds in the amount of \$66,841.21, with the monies to be deposited into the County’s Federal Funds Exchange Program fund. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on overlayment of 165th Road, using Federal Funds Exchange Program monies. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris stated the project was to be completed by Herzog in October 2018, however due to work schedule the project has been postponed by Herzog until Spring 2019. It was the consensus of the Board of County Commissioners to ask David Beach, Project Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA to advise Doniphan County on other contractors who could complete the project prior to 2019.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve requests and petitions on behalf of Centurylink for extension and installation of new buried fiber optic cable for broadband expansion in rural areas. Motion carried

- Beginning at 125th and Last Chance Roads to Lonestar Road to 115th Road to Mineral Point Road to 110th Road
- Beginning at US Highway 36 and Ottumwa Road to 225th Road
- Beginning at US Highway 36 and Larkinburg Road to 205th Road
- Beginning at Last Chance Road to 180th Road, 150th Road and 125th Road
- Beginning at Ash Point Road – 315th Road to Tumbleweed Road
- Beginning at E Walnut St (Troy, KS) to Mesquito Creek Road to 220th Road
- Beginning at US Highway 36 - 195th Road to Oxide Road

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Road Office Manager department in the amount of \$699.40. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase a new slicer for the Kitchen department in the amount of \$600.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve paying one-half the cost to install new security doors on the Troy Pioneer Senior Center, with the City of Troy to pay the remaining one-half cost. Doors will be purchased from Pioneer Material Inc. Motion carried.

Bob Ford, Representative with Freedom’s Frontier, met with the Board of County Commissioners to request Doniphan County’s membership in the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area, as an avenue to promote historic events throughout Doniphan County and increase tourism. The Board tabled action until their September 4, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to repair low water crossing located at 160th and Larkinburg Roads, with due diligence to be used to maintain an out of pocket expense to Doniphan County of less than \$5,000.00. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner McKernan presented the County Commission with information on the purchase of a 2006 International 7400 dump truck with 140,356 miles, from Transport Truck Sales of Kansas City, in the amount of \$32,500.00 to replace the 1999 Sterling truck totaled in an accident April 2018. Commissioner McKernan stated the truck would be used for snow removal in the Third District and adjoining Second District areas and purchased partly with insurance payment in the amount of \$22,500.00 for the 1999 Sterling truck. Action was tabled pending inspection of the truck by Road Department personnel.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:16 A.M.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman