

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 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 presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve County Commission minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve manual warrant for the period of September 14, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Currently there are 9 local and 5 out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to reduce the speed limit on 195th Road, east of the Troy City limits to Oxide Road, from 55 mph to 35 mph. Motion carried.

At 8:40 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 personnel in the Aging Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 8:45 A.M. Motion carried. The Aging Administrator and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the purchase of a lawn sweeper by the County Custodian in an amount not to exceed \$300.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger informed the County Board of the completion of repairs to low water crossing on 160th and Larkinburg Roads.

Paul Smith appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to express concerns with the poor condition of county roadways following blading by motor grader operators, citing safety issues with wind rows and large clumps left along the road sides. In addition Mr. Smith asked about grading practices to prevent rock from being piled in grader ditches and instead placed on the road bed. Commissioner Geiger said he addressed grading practices with employees of the Second Road District during the week of September 10, 2018. Discussion was held on spraying road sides to kill grass prior to blading in order to prevent clumps of grass from being bladed in the roadway.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with the August 2018 Road and Bridge expense report, year-to-date expenses and Township Road Improvement fund balances through August 2018. Manager Norris stated Road Foremen will need to be vigilant when hauling rock to insure Township Road Improvement funds aren't over spent.

Road Office Manager Norris also presented the Board of County Commissioners with a repair assessment from Van Keppel on the chip spreader in the amount of \$11,858.30. No action was taken on approval of repair work pending a cost analysis of the County continuing to chip seal roadways versus contracting out.

Discussion was held on requiring annual physical examinations for employees of the Road Department. No action was taken.

Susan Studer asked the County Commission to address old business items on the County Commission meeting agenda as follows:

- Road and Bridge Equipment Repair/Maintenance Schedule – Commissioner Collins stated each Road District Foreman is in charge of equipment maintenance and making sure proper documentation is kept on each piece of equipment.
- Right-of-Way Obstructions – Commissioner Geiger said the Road Department is notifying property owners of right-of-way obstructions by sending out an initial notice, followed by a second notice before contacting the Sheriff to issue a citation for right-of-way obstruction.

Mrs. Studer pointed out passing a physical examination is part of the requirement to have a CDL driver's license, she suggested the County Commission post a job description and annual review for positions within the Road Department to insure physical demands are being met.

Due to the observance of Columbus Day, the Board of County Commissioners will hold their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

At 9:32 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 within the Aging Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:37 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:38 A.M.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman