

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were 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 repair of Friendship Road. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of September 28, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Currently there are 14 local and 5 out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

At 8:31 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 at 8:41 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Motion carried. The Aging Administrator, County Clerk and Peggy Wood remained.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to appoint Peggy Wood as the Doniphan County Aging Administrator on a part-time basis, effective December 1, 2018, at a rate of pay at \$15.00 per hour with the hourly wage to increase to \$17.50 beginning January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Commission of a drainage issue along Friendship Road and Spruce Drive in Bendena, Kansas. Collins stated he has contacted Engemann Drainage for a cost estimate to bore the hard surfaced roadway for installation of a drainage tube.

Commissioner McKernan left the meeting at 8:50 A.M.

Correspondence was received from Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation, regarding substantial compliance within the Appraiser's office, accrediting the County Appraiser and staff for a successful completion of the appraisal cycle.

Sealed bids were presented and read aloud for the purchase of tires for the Road and Bridge Department:

- Triple L \$756.00
- Neumann Services \$686.00
- Davies Oil Co. \$724.00
- Consumer Oil \$688.84

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to accept the low bid of Neumann Services. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve (FY) 2019 WIC Local Agency Contract between Doniphan County, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Health & Environment, accepting grant funds in the amount of \$40,113.00.

Stacy Simmer, Community Relations Manager and Angie Kreider, Sales Manager with Rainbow Communications, along with James Lednicky, Manager of Doniphan Electric Coop and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson gave the Board of County Commissioners a presentation on expansion of fiber optic broadband throughout Doniphan County for rural economic development initiative. Economic Development Director Johnson will reach out to Centurylink, Doniphan County's main service provider, to determine long term plans for fiber optic broadband expansion in Doniphan County prior to the Board of County Commissioners moving forward with an engineer study and grant possibilities.

At 9:45 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session to discuss data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:55 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Economic Development Director remained.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve a three year service contract between Doniphan County, Kansas, and Thompson Reuters for maintenance on the AS400 mainframe system in the amount of \$7,817.00, with the expense to be paid from the Capital Improvement fund.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission she had contacted the Kansas Department of Transportation requesting installation of a flashing signal light on Ashpoint Road, north of US Highway 36, warning motorist of the approaching highway. The Kansas Department of Transportation denied the County's request, therefore a warning sign will be installed by Doniphan County Road Department on Ashpoint Road 1400 feet from the intersection warning motorist of the approaching highway.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, stated she was given a list of minimal maintenance roads for designation by the Board of County Commissioners from the Second and Third Road Districts and has allowed more time for First District to view the roadways due to the recent hiring of a new Road Foreman.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve the purchase of a grader tire for the Third Road District from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$931.16.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris updated the County Board on Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Funds Exchange Program overlay project on 165th Road in the Third Road District, stating the project will be advertised, with bid letting to be held on October 1, 2018 and early construction date of October 8, 2018.

A summary of oiling costs for the 2018 chip seal season was presented to the Board for their review by the Road Office Manager.

Chairman of the Board Thad Geiger executed a supplemental agreement between Doniphan County, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation for additional funding for emergency repair or reconstruction of roads and bridges on Federal-Aid Highway Systems for repair work on 160th Road north of the City of Denton and Ottumwa Road, north and east of the City of Troy, Kansas, following heavy rainfall in 2015.

Correspondence was presented to the Board of Doniphan County Commissioners from the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Program informing of the award of bid to contractor Reece Construction Company of Scandia, Kansas, for replacement of bridge structure T32-1 on 210th and Mineral Point Roads in the amount of \$358,935.00. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to commit public funds in the amount of \$79,000.00 for required County matching funds towards the bridge replacement project.

Commissioner Geiger informed the Board of verbal notice of termination from employment of an employee in the Second Road District, stating it will not be necessary to fill the vacancy at this time.

The Board of County Commissioners clarified procedures for removal of road signs by farmers during harvest, stating the Road Department must be contacted in advance to try to accommodate the individual; as Doniphan County must meet certain requirements for posting of roadways pursuant to the provisions of the High Risk Rural Roads grants project.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:23 A.M.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman