

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 3, 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 amended to discuss acquisition of equipment for the Road Department. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the November 27, 2018 regular meeting as written.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve warrants for the period of November 30, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve added taxes in the amount of \$119.68 and \$190.74 in abated taxes to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of November 2018 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

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

A listing of Household Hazardous Waste collections picked up in the month of November 2018 by Jackson County Solid Waste were presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their review. The Commission reminds the public latex paint, which totaled 950 pounds for disposal, can be recycled and used by patrons. Interested persons should inquire during the monthly disposal on the third Thursday of every month at the Third District Road Shop located on St. Columbus Road, Wathena, Kansas.

Discussion was held in regard to employee compensation for the November 26, 2018 snow storm when most County offices were closed. The Board of County Commissioners were in consensus to adhere to the Doniphan County Personnel Policy regarding severe weather and require employees who did not work to use vacation time, comp time or leave without pay for the day.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to authorize the Road Department to spend up to \$2,500 to purchase a snow blade for a 4x4 pickup, with the blade to be housed in the First Road District but utilized countywide. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to explore options for purchasing a skid loader for the Road Department, to be used by all Road Districts as a way to save hours on larger road equipment.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission the approximate cost to asphalt one mile of roadway is \$200,000.00. The County Board asked Road Office Manager Norris to do a cost analysis between one mile of chip seal and asphalt, including the life span of each, for the Commissioners use in developing a long range road plan.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, asked about the status of adjoining landowners relocating Elgin and 210th Roads. The Board of County Commissioners stated no further action has been taken.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve payment in the amount of \$7,323.02 to Schwab-Eaton PA for road surfacing plans on Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Funds Exchange Program 165th Road overlay project. Motion carried.

County Appraiser Danielle Kiefer presented the Board of County Commissioners with an application for Disaster Relief for property located at 502 E Main St. Highland, Kansas, following a fire which destroyed the structure on March 15, 2018. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the application for Disaster Relief and relieve the property owner of a prorated portion of property tax for tax year 2018. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins requested Sheriff Chad Clary's presence at the County Commission meeting to inquire if any reports were made about trees down across county roadways and asked the Sheriff during times when the Road Department is asked to assist with stranded motorist, that the Sheriff's Department notify the Road Department if the situation is resolved before the Road Department responds.

Chairman Geiger asked for the following items to be added to the county commission meeting agenda for future action: 1) Compensation within County Departments; 2) 2019 Goals/Plans; and 3) Attendance and viability of Doniphan County Senior Citizens Centers.

At 9:11 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relative to attorney client privilege within the Road Department with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:21 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to pay Euler Abstract & Title Company \$563.00 for real estate closing costs for real estate transaction between Doniphan County, Kansas and Kathleen A Twombly and Fred M. Twombly for relocation of Friendship Road, north of 240th Road, in Section 28 Township 2 Range 20E. Motion carried.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart asked the number of employees working during the November 26, 2018 snow storm. Chairman Geiger stated the Road Department, Sheriff's Department, Custodian, Calvin Johnson and Dennis McKittrick worked to get the roadways and courthouse cleared and assist motorists.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:24 A.M.

DATED THIS 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER 2018.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman