

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, DECEMBER 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 Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the December 10, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve added taxes in the amount of \$6.60 to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Currently there are 12 local and one out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

In observance of the Christmas Holiday, the Board of County Commissioners will not hold a regular meeting the week of December 24, 2018.

Charlie and Pat Meers met with the County Commission to discuss road concerns on 190th Road in Blair, Kansas. Commissioner Geiger said the Road Department temporarily patched the roadway until the Board of County Commission explores options for a permanent fix for surfacing over the concrete base.

Discussion was held in regard to repair, maintenance and replacement of chip seal equipment, in addition to, the purchase of chat for the 2019 chip seal season. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will obtain cost estimates to repair the 2005 Etnyre chip spreader and bids for the purchase of chat for the Board's consideration.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission of Doniphan County's matching grant funds in the amount of \$79,000 to be paid out in 2019 for replacement of bridge structure T32-1, on 210th and Mineral Point Roads, as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Office Manager Norris also received information on grant funds available through the Natural Resources Conservation District Office in the amount of \$2,500.00 for bank stabilization on 225th Road, along the Wolf River. Doniphan County's matching funds in the amount of \$1,875.00 will be in-kind by use of labor and machinery, with two working days estimated to rework existing material to stabilize the bank. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to proceed with the project and utilize funds through the Natural Resource Conservation District Office to stabilize a portion of the Wolf River bank along 225th Road.

Rose Roofing, contractor for roof repair on the First District Road Shop building, has been contacted by the Road Department to address a leak in the roof.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board with an invoice from Michael Todd Company for the purchase of chains in the amount of \$751.58. No action was taken pending determination of equipment chains will be used for.

Chairman Geiger asked the County Board if there were any projects or goals for their respective districts in the 2019 year. Commissioner Collins stated tube replacement projects will take place on 150th Road and rip rap will need to be purchased for several locations. Commissioner McKernan said the Road Foremen were to compile a list of roadways in need of guardrail. Commissioner Geiger stated the Second Road District will be installing tubes along roadways where cave offs are imminent and guardrail. Commissioner Geiger also asked for discussion at the January 7, 2019 meeting on development of a 3-year, 5-year and 10-year long range road plan.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Commission the First Road District did not purchase a snow blade for a pick up, as was previously approved by the Board. The need for a snow blade will be re-evaluated and local bids sought if needed in 2019.

Commissioner Geiger updated the Board on the Ag Growth program developed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Kansas Department of Commerce designed to grow and develop agricultural related businesses in the area.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve the purchase of a fax machine for the courthouse in the amount of \$299.99, with the expense paid from the County General fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to repair the door and purchase belts, from CK Power, for the courthouse generator in the amount of \$1,065.21 with the expense paid from the Sales Tax fund, as the generator supplies back up power to 911 communication system. Motion carried.

At 9:18 A.M. the Board of County Commissioner recessed for a period of 5-minutes with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:23 A.M.

Discussion was held in regard to increasing the amount of employee compensation offered in lieu of partaking in the county's health insurance benefits. Action was tabled until the December 31, 2018 County Commission meeting.

At 9:59 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 with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order at 10:09 A.M in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Susan Studer asked Commissioner Geiger to address a cave off on Randolph Road, south of US Highway 36, near the intersection of 175th Road.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:12 A.M.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2018.

Attest: _____

Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman