

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 25, 2019**

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, Susan Studer, and Troy High School Seniors Sierra Christopher, Brynna Pierce, Alyssa Schmille and Amanda Stock observed the entire regular meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion on road tube for The Willow, a Home Care Plus facility, in Wathena, Kansas. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the March 18, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of March 29, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve abated taxes in the amount of \$53.86 to the 2018 Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of February were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Sheriff.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 11 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners publically thanked all those involved in flood control along the Missouri River in their effort to save the City of Elwood by patrolling and building up the Elwood Gladden Drainage District levee.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Commission he authorized First District Road Department to haul up to \$1500.00 worth of rock on Buffalo Road, north of US Highway 36, in order to build up the roadway to allow for the increase in traffic affected by the closure of Kansas Highway 7 north of 240th Road, due to Missouri River flooding. In addition, "Local Traffic Only" signs will be placed to divert sightseers and ease traffic for local residents.

On behalf of Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission the Red Cross Shelter located at the Leonard L. Clary Community Building in Troy, Kansas and the Kansas KC Metro Animal Response emergency animal shelter located at the Doniphan County Fairgrounds in Troy, Kansas, have both been closed, as evacuated residents from the cities of Elwood and Wathena were allowed to return home on Sunday, March 24, 2019.

Discussion was held by the Board of County Commissioners on establishment of a program allowing for County incentives and resources to promote economic growth throughout Doniphan County. Future discussion will be held on setting out application parameters for such program.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to pay the cost of road tube and installation in the amount of \$1600.00, from the Economic Development Fund, for The Willow, a Home Care Plus facility, in the City of Wathena, to allow for future economic growth in the area. Motion carried.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes presented the Board of County Commissioners with a proposal to build a 50'x80' equipment storage building onto the existing Third District road shop building located off of St. Columbus Road, Wathena, Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to prepare specifications and submit requests for proposals for the building of equipment storage facilities at both the First and Third District road shops in order to have covered storage for road equipment.

Chairman Geiger executed a Local Emergency Disaster Declaration on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. The seven-day declaration will be renewed weekly until the high-water event is no longer a threat.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission two rounds of letters have been sent to property owners in violation of right-of-way obstructions, as well as, several attempts at telephone contact. The Board of Commissioners were in agreement to send a final notice via certified mail, with the property owner having 15-days to remove the right-of-way obstructions before the Board of County Commission takes legal action.

Correspondence was presented to the Board of County Commissioners from Herzog Contracting Corporation on a proposal to asphalt roadways in each of the County Commission Districts based on traffic counts, development and logistics. No action was taken.

190th Rd – from Saratoga Rd west to Peck Rd – North of Blair, this is a section of old Hwy 36 – This is an existing concrete road approximately 20' x 2.15 miles. I think you could get by with a 2" overlay on this road in most areas. Some areas are covered in base rock and I cannot tell what's underneath. We typically use a higher type superpave asphalt mix to overlay concrete. A budget for 2" of superpave over this road would be 2,775 Tons x \$85/Ton = \$235,875

175th Rd – from the city limits of Wathena west to Randolph Rd – West of Wathena, existing oil/chat road – This is an existing chipseal road approximately 22' x 2.5 miles that is in moderate condition. A 3" wedge and overlay is recommended on these types of roads. 3" is necessary due to the crown/shape of the road and it is difficult to put much less on it. A budget for 3" on this road would be 5,324 Tons x \$70/Ton = \$372,680

Coronado Rd – from city limits of Highland north – North of Highland, existing oil/chat road – This is an existing chipseal road approximately 22' x 5.8 miles. At least a 3" wedge and overlay is recommended and more may be needed in the soft areas that are blowing up. A budget for 3" on this road would be 12,352 Tons x \$75/Ton = \$926,400

Elgin Rd – from Hwy 120 south to St Benedict's Rd – Southeast of Denton – This is an existing chipseal road approximately 18' x 1.5 miles that is in good condition. A 3" wedge and overlay is recommended. A budget for 3" on this road would be 2,614 Tons x \$75/Ton = \$196,050

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Commission road improvement funds will be stretched to the limit this year, based on the harsh winter season and spring thaw. The Board of County Commissioners will review road funds and projects that need to be completed this year to form a comprehensive road management plan at their April 8, 2019 regular meeting.

Annette Smith appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss damage caused to her vehicle when struck by a Doniphan County motor grader February 27, 2019 while performing routine road maintenance on Keystone Road. Mrs. Smith asked for compensation for repairs to the vehicle, as Doniphan County's liability insurance carrier, KCAMP, has denied responsibility for the claim based on the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1731. No action was taken.

KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center Chief Executive Officer David Jasper met with the Board of County Commissioners to give a year-to-date update and to request Jerry Petering, Highland, Kansas and Joyce Simpson, Wathena, Kansas be appointed to three-year terms on the KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center Governing Board. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to appoint Jerry Petering and Joyce Simpson to a three-year term on the KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center Board as representatives of Doniphan County, Kansas. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins told the Board of County Commissioners he will be attending the next White Cloud City Council meeting to determine the scoop of projects the City is requesting County assistance with in regard to street repair.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to develop a fitness for duty policy to be included in the Doniphan County Personnel and Procedures Manual and requested the County Clerk send each County Department a memo directing them to update and modify job descriptions for all positions within the Department.

At 9:33 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:38 A.M.

Martha Smith and Logan Bausch, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services, gave the Board of County Commissioners an overview of 2018 services performed by the Department. Mrs. Smith reminded residents who have chemicals of an unknown substance or any household hazardous waste material to dispose of them at the monthly household hazardous waste collection site at the Third District Road Shop located at 1144 St. Columbus Road, Wathena, Kansas, every third Thursday of the month from 10:00 A.M until 2:00 P.M.

Martha Smith, with Northeast Kansas Environmental Services, also informed the County Commission that Doniphan County has high radon levels and encouraged residents to obtain home testing kits from the Doniphan County Extension Office. If radon is detected, Northeast Kansas Environmental Services can assist with radon mitigation.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to hold a tire collection during the summer of 2019. Martha Smith, with Northeast Kansas Environmental Services, will organize on behalf of Doniphan County.

Discussion was held in regard to the County mowing overgrown properties and assessing the cost through a special assessment on the tax roll. No action was taken.

Observer Susan Studer asked the County Commissioners if there is a plan to control the increased amount of traffic along US Highway 36, due to the closure of Interstate 29 north of St. Joseph, Missouri and Highway 59 south of St. Joseph, Missouri. County Attorney Charles Baskins stated the Kansas Highway Patrol has increased enforcement presence in Doniphan County to assist with the high volume of traffic.

At 10:25 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential legal matters with counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:30 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 10:31 A.M.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman