

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 15, 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 Nathan Boone, Gus Collins, and Reid Jasper observed the entire regular 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 April 8, 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 April 15, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 9 local inmates.

Paul Smith met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss current road conditions following blading by the Road Department. Mr. Smith asked that the roads be properly bladed, crowned and rocked.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve starter replacement repair on the Appraiser's Office 2006 Jeep Laredo by Reed Jeep Chrysler in the amount of \$431.12. Motion carried.

Commissioners Collins and Geiger informed the County Board representatives from the Kansas Department of Transportation will view county roadways that have been either directly affected by flood damage or used as alternate routes, for potential repair reimbursement. In addition, the Kansas Department of Transportation plans to repair and re-open Kansas Highway 7, north of Iowa Point, to limited traffic the week of April 15, 2019.

Commissioner Geiger commended the Road Department for repairing roadways to get them in passable condition following harsh winter weather, but emphasized the need to now properly blade, shape and crown to allow for drainage and rock.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson presented the Board of County Commissioners with a schedule of Mo-Kan Regional Council Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan kickoff meetings. Director Johnson encouraged citizens from Doniphan County to attend the SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) meeting regarding economic development and strategic planning for projects specific to Doniphan County, as Doniphan County is the only Kansas County included in Mo-Kan. The SWOT meeting in Doniphan County will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at Library District No. 1 main branch in Troy, Kansas.

At 8:48 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Economic Development department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:03 A.M. Motion carried. The County Clerk and Economic Development Director remained.

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.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the County Commission the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center did not open on April 8, 2019, as previously announced, but is slated to open on April 24, 2019 following training and inspection by Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

Charlie and Pat Meers extended their appreciation to the Board of County Commissioners and Road Department for filling pot holes on 190<sup>th</sup> Road in Blair, Kansas.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with specifications for construction of a 50'x100'x16' equipment storage building at the First Road Shop location and a 50'x80'x16' equipment storage building at the Third District Road Shop location. After review, the Board was in agreement to submit the specifications out for bid.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, also presented the Board of County Commissioners with road improvement fund balances, rock stockpiles, Road and Bridge expenditures and the amount of rock hauled as of March 31, 2019 for their review.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of correspondence from Pavers Inc. of Salina, Kansas, offering for sale 1 to 1 ½" crushed concrete for use on county roadways.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the following Road and Bridge expenditures: Bolin Auto \$289.32 (1<sup>st</sup> District) and Mayday Trucking Services \$518.21 (truck #47 1<sup>st</sup> District). Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission one of two road right-of-way obstruction violators has removed their personal property from the county right-of-way, the other has been turned over to Doniphan County Sheriff Chad Clary for enforcement.

At 9:18 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters pertaining to the Road Department with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:33 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Collins stated Road equipment repairs are ongoing and necessary as the Road Department continues to maintain county roadways. Commissioner Geiger stressed the importance of employees of the Road Department continuing to perform routine maintenance on equipment in order to try to limit the amount of repair work needed.

Observer Susan Studer asked the County to contact representatives of Deffenbaugh Disposal, Inc. about picking up trash and debris along US Highway 36 from the Pony Express Bridge to the Doniphan County transfer station on St. Columbus Road.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:36 A.M.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2019.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman