

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 6, 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 and Susan Studer observed the entire regular meeting. Charlie Meers, Pat Meers, Highland City Representatives Joann Karn and Terry Gibson, Register of Deeds/911 Coordinator Susan Shuster, Sheriff Chad Clary, Undersheriff Mark Allen, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Emergency Management Director Julie Meng were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion on restructuring of road department operations and cancellation of the 9:45 A.M. appointment regarding fence viewing. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the April 29, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of April 2019 were reviewed on behalf of the Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 10 local inmates.

Charlie and Pat Meers met with the County Commission to request pot holes be filled and permanent repairs made to 190th Road in Blair, Kansas. Second District County Commissioner Thad Geiger said he would view the road following the county commission meeting and make recommendation to the road department for necessary repair work. In addition, Commissioner Geiger said 190th Road in Blair, Kansas, is being considered to be improved with a 3" asphalt overlay, although the Board of County Commissioners have taken no formal action.

Highland City Representatives Joann Karn and Terry Gibson were present to offer the City of Highland's support for renewal of the countywide 1% sales tax. Mr. Gibson asked about the status of holding a real estate tax foreclosure sale, as there are several dilapidated buildings within the City of Highland, currently on the delinquent tax list, that could be razed and sold for economic growth. County Attorney Charles Baskins advised the Board of County Commissioners they could order a tax foreclosure sale at any time, with the County being responsible for title search and publication fees on one hundred twenty (120+) plus properties. He is in the process of collecting on some of the properties to lessen the cost to taxpayers. County Attorney Baskins will determine, for

the Board's consideration, if delinquent properties can be sold site specific and not as a whole.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson informed the Board of County Commissioners Doniphan County, along with Brown and Nemaha Counties, have been chosen by the Kansas Sampler Foundation for the 2020 Big Kansas Road Trip May 7-10, 2020. The purpose of the Big Kansas Road Trip is to help the public get to know Kansas communities of every size.

Sheriff Chad Clary, Undersheriff Mark Allen and 911 Coordinator Susan Shuster presented the Board with a proposal from Midwest Mobile Radio Service, Inc. to replace the 911 dispatch console with a 2-position MCC5500 dispatch console at a cost of \$21,207.00 with maintenance fee after five (5) years of \$150.00 per month. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the replacement of the 911 dispatch console by Midwest Mobile Radio Service, Inc. in the amount of \$21,207.00 plus maintenance fee of \$150.00 per month after 5 years, with the expense to be paid from the New Sales Tax fund. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chad Clary told the County Commission the west parking lot of the Jerry K. Dubach Law Enforcement Center needs to be resealed this year and asked for the expense to be paid from the New Sales Tax fund as a capital improvement to County owned property. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

At 9:24 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of confidential data with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:29 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break at 9:32 A.M. with the meeting called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:37 A.M.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission the bridge deck on structure T32-1 located at Mineral Point and 210th Roads will be poured this week, weather permitting.

Lindsay Norris, Road Officer Manager, also told the County Board the overlay project on 165th Road, as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Funds Exchange Program, will begin the week of May 13, 2019 by Herzog Contracting Corp.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase four (4) motor grader blades from Foley Equipment in the total amount of \$471.52. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase four (4) motor grader tires from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$951.27 each. Motion carried.

At 9:41 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 9:56 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. The Sheriff entered at 9:52 A.M.

At 9:56 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to extend the executive session for the purpose of continuing discussion of attorney-client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:06 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, addressed the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Whetrock Inc. regarding the development of a road plan for acquiring rock from Schneider Quarry.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to increase the base pay and starting wage for laborers within the Road Department to \$13.50 per hour with a CDL license. Road Employees without a CDL will be hired at the regular starting wage of \$10.75 per hour, effective June 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger presented the Board of County Commissioners with a job description for the creation of a Road Director's position. As part of a restructuring plan to more efficiently and effectively operate the Road Department, Commissioner Geiger suggested hiring a Road Director to serve as administrator over the department, with two working road foremen, one to oversee the First Road District and the other to oversee the Second and Third Road Districts. Action was tabled until the May 13, 2019 County Commission meeting.

Commissioner Geiger suggested adoption of a County Resolution making termination of County Officials, other than elected, subject to Board of County Commissioners approval at a Board of County Commission meeting where a quorum is present. Action was tabled until the May 13, 2019 County Commission meeting.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Commission the First Road District will begin patch work in order to prepare roadways for chip seal season.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng told the Board of County Commissioners Doniphan County did not qualify for FEMA assistance following the Spring 2019 high water event, as the damage assessment does not meet FEMA requirements.

County Attorney Charles Baskins asked the Board of County Commissioners to set public hearings for the adoption of two County Resolutions; one for designation of minimal maintenance roads and the other for vacation of property along the right-of-way of 240th Road adjoining John Hegenderfer's property. Said hearings have been set for May 20, 2019 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:49 A.M.

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman