

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 20, 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 absent.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart, Francis Hubbard and Susan Studer observed the entire regular meeting. Paul Smith, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Roger Engemann, Engemann Drainage Company and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the May 13, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Fee report for the period May 1-15, 2019 was reviewed on behalf of the Sheriff.

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

The Board of County Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 beginning at 8:30 A.M. due to observance of Memorial Day.

Susan Studer requested Commissioner Geiger look at a low spot on 205th Road and to ask the Road Department to build up the road before rocking. Commissioner Geiger said he has asked the Second District Road Crew to start the practice of building up and shaping roadways before placing rock.

Paul Smith addressed the Board of County Commissioners regarding road maintenance and the need for grader operators to build up and shape the roadways prior to rocking. Mr. Smith also questioned the duties of a Road Director, should one be hired. Chairman Geiger informed Mr. Smith the Board of Commissioners have tabled hiring of a Road Director and are now focusing on hiring a Second District Road Foreman and getting vacant positions filled within the Road Departments.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase a road tube for 150th and Ash Point Roads, in the First Road District. Motion carried.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with 2020 departmental budget requests for their review.

Correspondence was presented to the Board on behalf of Northeast Kansas Environmental Services regarding cleanup notices sent to landowners for properties located at 1385 and 1396 196th Road, Troy, Kansas and 1807 190th Road, Wathena, Kansas.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce updated the Board of County Commissioners on the annual Home Health Advisory Council meeting held May 9, 2019. Administrator Pierce gave the Board handouts from the annual advisory meeting that included the 2018 program evaluation, 2018 income/expense comparison and reviewed the HIPAA and Health Department/Home Health policy manual. Following review, Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the policy and annual report as presented. Motion carried.

Sheryl Pierce, Health Department/Home Health Administrator, presented the Board of County Commissioners with the 2018 Community Health Assessment report for their review.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve Injury Prevention grant items in the amount of \$1,249.45 and medical supplies in the amount of \$385.00 for the Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency. Motion carried.

Health Administrator Pierce advocated for set pay scales for each County Department and offered to sit on a task force for the development of such. Chairman Geiger said the goal of the Board of County Commissioners is to set departmental pay scales; the Board would need to first find the right avenue (path) and revenue.

Roger Engemann, Engemann Drainage Company, Inc. presented the Board of County Commissioners with a proposal to fix erosion issues on County right-of-way at 688 240th Road, Highland, Kansas in the amount of \$2,058.00. Due to erosion Rural Water District No. 6 water main is exposed. In his proposal, Mr. Engemann said Rural Water District No. 6 would pay for labor and Jerry Blevins would supply necessary dirt. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to accept the proposal of Engemann Drainage Company Inc. and approve the cost of materials to repair erosion issues along the County right-of-way at 688 240th Road, Highland, Kansas, in the amount of \$2,058.00. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission 165th Road overlay project in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Funds Exchange Program has been completed by Herzog Contracting Corporation, with striping of the roadway remaining.

Manager Norris also stated the bridge deck on structure T32-1 located at 210th and Mineral Point Roads has been poured, crews are currently working to finish bridge approaches.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told Commissioner Collins, in reference to his request for road width information on Half Mound Road, the roadway is a 40' road. Commissioner Collins stated the Kansas Department of Transportation rocked the State right-of-way approach from US Highway 36.

Safety inspections were performed by KWORCC, the County's workman's compensation insurance carrier, with violations found in the Road District shops. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris has given the list of violations to the Road Foremen for immediate action.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve unauthorized expenses in the Road Department: Summit Truck Group \$569.25 (3rd District) and Berry Tractor \$1,745.86 (1st District). Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to obtain rental costs for a roller to assist the Road Department with patching and chip seal projects.

Susan Studer asked the Board of County Commissioners to hold salaries where they currently are for County Employees when considering the 2020 budget, with reduced grain prices and the large number of road projects, she stated the entire County must make sacrifices.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:14 A.M.

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2019.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman