

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JUNE 10, 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 observed the entire regular meeting. John M. Smith, Jr., Road Foreman Steve Gerdes, James Mott and Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Coordinator/Planning Administrator Julie Meng, Jack Sheidt, Jerry Dubach, Susan Studer, Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce and Health Department Administrative Assistant Cathi Floyd 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 June 3, 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 June 14, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Fee report for the month of May 2019 was presented to the Board on behalf of the Register of Deeds for their review.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 4 local inmates.

Laura Johnson-McNish, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Magistrate Judge Appointee, introduced herself to the Board of County Commissioners prior to the commission meeting.

Susan Studer asked for a “No Thru Traffic” or “Road Ends” sign at 205<sup>th</sup> Road, west of Mesquito Creek Road. Mrs. Studer also asked for a progress report on road patching and repair work.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price, Second District Road Foreman James Mott and Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes gave the County Board an update on road projects, the status of patching in order to prepare for the 2019 chip seal season and the need to rent a roller to assist with the remainder of patch work.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented cost estimates for rental of rollers for use with road patch by the Road Department:

- Foley Equipment \$2,350.00/month
- Rent-all Equipment \$1,069.00/month plus \$89.00 damage waiver

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commission Collins, to rent two rollers from Rent-all Equipment on a monthly basis plus damage waiver to assist the Road Department with road patch work. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regard to the condition of Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, in Section 5, Township 4, Range 22E, where the roadway is being undercut by the Missouri River current, causing the road way to erode and create a dangerous driving hazard for motorist. Sheridan Road has seen a high increase in traffic, as it is being used as a detour route around Monument Road, and the roadway itself is deteriorating. Commissioner Geiger said some road projects, such as Monument Road, are too large for the County's Road Department and repair will need to be bid out. Action was tabled on bidding repair of Monument Road to local contractors pending preparation of bid specs.

John M. Smith, Jr. discussed fencing issues along 250<sup>th</sup> Road with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of zoning change from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with Condition Use to erect 300' self-supporting communications tower at 410 Q Street in the city limits of White Cloud, Kansas, on property owned by Ron and Gary Edie. Doniphan County Planning and Zoning Administrator Julie Meng and Jack Sheidt, Project Manager with Network Real Estate, LLC were present. The Doniphan County Planning Commission recommended the zoning change from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with Conditional Use be approved favorably. Mr. Sheidt stated the AT&T Communications tower would be used by AT&T cellular phone customers, as well as, by law enforcement and emergency responders through the First Net Program. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to accept the recommendation of the Doniphan County Planning Commission and approve change in zoning from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with Conditional Use for location of 300' self-supporting communications tower at 410 Q Street within the city limits of White Cloud, Kansas. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners executed a Mutual Aid Agreement between Brown County, Kansas and Doniphan County, Kansas.

Chairman Geiger renewed a 7 day Emergency Disaster Declaration on behalf of Doniphan County, Kansas, due to the spring 2019 high water event.

Emergency Management Director Julie Meng informed the Board of County Commission she is working with FEMA on emergency declaration funds and project submissions, along with Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and the Road Foremen.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board of County Commissioners with the May 2019 departmental budget and expense report for their review.

Clerk Franken informed the Board 1,387 tires were collected at the tire recycling collection held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 by The Tire Cutters from Seneca, Kansas.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to appoint Trevor Schmille, of Troy, Kansas, as Center Township Trustee to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Michael Cluck due to moving out of Center Township. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve a bid by Fuemmeler Flatwork, LLC to replace an 11' x 12' section of sidewalk and install two ADA warning grids on the northwest corner of the courthouse square in the amount of \$2,379.00, with the expense to be paid from the New Sales Tax fund. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion regarding the 2019 chip seal season and were in agreement to utilize Doniphan County Road Department to perform chip seal projects this year with future consideration given to contracting chip seal projects out.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission she viewed and made record of current road damage due to the spring high water event for FEMA designation. For the Board's information, Mrs. Norris said FEMA will only cover projects on Township (T) roads and debris removal on FAS (Federal Assistance Routes) and will only reimburse for the cost of roadway repair to the condition prior to the high water event.

Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission Doniphan County Conservation District has viewed several road repair projects that qualify for Emergency Watershed Project funding, a cost share program between Doniphan County and the Conservation District. The Board took no action pending review of applicable road projects.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Piece and Health Department Administrative Assistant Cathi Floyd presented the Board of County Commission with bids to remove the existing deck on the west side of the Health Department building and replace with a 10'x10' covered composite decking structure:

- Myers Overhead Door, LLC                   \$ 8,909.16
- Littleman Construction LLC               \$10,360.68
- Dillon Company                               \$25,722.70

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to accept the bid of Myers Overhead Door, LLC to replace the deck on the west side of the Doniphan County Health Department building with the expense charged to the New Sales Tax fund as a capital improvement to a County owned building. Motion carried.

Health Administrator Sheryl Peirce requested generator repair and maintenance invoices be paid from the County's Capital Improvement Fund versus being billed to the Health Department. Currently the Courthouse, Health Department and Sheriff have generator expenses being assessed to individual departmental budgets. The Board took no action pending formulation of a consistent plan for all departments.

Sheryl Pierce, Health Administrator, informed the County Board the Health Department is still actively looking to hire a Registered Nurse on a part-time as needed basis, however will explore hiring in a full-time status if there are no applicants for the PRN position.

Mrs. Pierce voiced concerns with a time clock system working with Health Department staffing needs. County Clerk Peggy Franken said Attendance on Demand offers several options and each Department will have ownership in choosing the best practice for their Department.

At 10:04 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel within the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 10:19 A.M. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:25 A.M.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2019.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman