

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 1, 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 regular meeting. Road Foremen Steve Gerdes, James Mott and Sean Price, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Emergency Management Coordinator/Planning Administrator Julie Meng attended a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include executive session for non-elect Road and Bridge personnel. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve County Commission minutes of the June 24, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve warrants for the period of June 28, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve abated taxes in the amount of \$99.52 to the Doniphan County tax roll. Motion carried.

Fee reports for the month of June 2019 were presented to the Board on behalf of the County Clerk for their review.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 7 local and one out of county inmates.

First District Road Foreman Sean Price told the County Commission the District will be using cold patch to repair smaller potholes in county roadways, with hot patch used for larger areas.

Second District Road Foreman James Mott informed the Commission tube replacement on Monument Road, in Section 24, Township 4, Range 21E, will be covered with dirt today. Phillip Miller, adjoining landowner, has agreed to donate dirt for the project. Once Monument Road tube project is completed, patching will continue on hard surfaced roadways in order to prepare for chip seal. 205<sup>th</sup> Road has been bladed and shaped for proper drainage.

Third District Road Foreman Steve Gerdes stated the Third Road District is working to prepare Randolph Road, south of US Highway 36, 190<sup>th</sup> Road in Blair and 195<sup>th</sup> Road, east of Troy, Kansas, for road patch.

Foreman Gerdes presented the County Commission with bids for the purchase of four Hankook Dyna Pro pickup truck tires:

- Bernie's Standard Station \$169.95 each
- Cyclone Auto & Tire LLC \$162.44 each
- Neumann Services \$155.27 each

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve the low bid of Neumann Services for the purchase of four pickup truck tires. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regard to additional manpower needed to help the Road Department with flagging during road maintenance. First District Foreman Price indicated as soon as the First District Road Crew finishes projects, they will assist the Second and Third Road Districts with flagging and patch work.

Commissioner Collins asked if the County Commission and Road Department would be interested in purchasing shale rock from closed quarries to be used for fill. No action was taken pending seeking legal requirements for use of fill from closed quarries, information on the quality of fill, cost and projects that would qualify for shale type material.

Correspondence was reviewed from Northeast Kansas Environmental Services regarding property cleanup at 1516 Highway 7, Troy, Kansas.

Discussion was held on the operations of the Doniphan County Transfer Station and disrepair of the building. County Clerk Peggy Franken has invited Mike Hey, Senior District Manager for Waste Management, to attend a future County Commission meeting to discuss Board concerns and take a tour of the facility.

The annual Northeast Kansas County Officials Meeting will be hosted by Lyon County on September 6, 2019.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase bands and elbows for road tubes from Metal Culverts in the amount of \$1,361.60. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to keep the County Commission apprised on price increases for road tubes, as additional tubes will need to be ordered for road projects.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Board road tubes for 150<sup>th</sup> Road project, west of K-7 Highway, have been reordered to replace tubes used on Ash Point Road, north of 240<sup>th</sup> Road.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to purchase shot rock for Monument Road tube project in the amount of \$1,376.00. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussion on sales tax initiatives in order to place renewal of the countywide 1% sales tax on the November 5, 2019 General election ballot. Current uses of the 1% countywide sale tax, set to expire October 1, 2020, include: 1) to finance capital improvements deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, including repairs and improvements to the Doniphan County Courthouse and repairs, improvements and the cost of construction of the Doniphan County Law Enforcement center; and (2) to purchase oil and chat and/or asphalt to make permanent improvements to county roads and repair existing hard surface roads; and (3) to assist with the funding of continued expenses incurred with updating and modifying the countywide 911 emergency system; and (4) pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-189(j) any funds generated from this sales tax which exceed the amount of revenue required to pay the costs of the special projects enumerated herein, shall be credited to the County General Fund to relieve the tax burden of the County.

Susan Studer asked the Board of County Commissioners to more clearly define a portion of the sales tax initiative 1) to finance capital improvements deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, including repairs and improvements to the Doniphan County Courthouse and repairs, improvements and the cost of construction of the Doniphan County Law Enforcement center, to include all county owned facilities.

Mrs. Studer also remarked several county owned rock trucks have been observed hauling with untarped loads, she asked the Commission to remind county employees to tarp their loads for liability purposes.

At 9:19 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:29 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

At 9:29 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to extend the executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Road Department, with the meeting to be called back to order at 9:39 A.M. in the office of the County Commission. Motion carried. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:43 A.M.

Chairman Geiger called the Board of County Commission meeting back to order at 9:45 A.M. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were present.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng presented the Board of County Commissioners with an extension of a 7-day emergency disaster declaration. Chairman Geiger executed the 7-day emergency disaster declaration on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to amend the County holiday schedule striking observance of October 14, 2019 Columbus Day and replacing it with July 5, 2019 for an extended 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY 2019.

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

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman