

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, APRIL 27, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session via Zoom 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 McKernan, County Attorney Charles D. Baskins and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present.

County Attorney Secretary Celeste Etherton, The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart and Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris observed the entire meeting. Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce observed a portion of the meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris and Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng appeared in person before the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of April 30, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 1 Wyandotte County and 9 local inmates.

Chairman Geiger informed the County Board of National attention received by Troy residents Dennis and Sharon Ruhnke who sent a letter and spare N95 mask to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo asking that it be given to a doctor or nurse in New York to be used in the effort to fight the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Chairman Geiger remarked it was a reminder that during tough times small acts of kindness help out a lot.

Commissioner Collins reported the First Road District is working to haul rock and shape 160th Road. The Road Crew is also shaping 150th Road to allow proper drainage prior to replacing road tubes. Collins said a Mack dump truck, used by the First District, will be assessed for repair to the electrical system.

Commissioner McKernan informed the Commission the Third Road District will begin patching roadways with use of hot patch this week.

Commissioner Geiger said weather events from the previous year have been hard on county roads, the Second Road District is working on blading, shaping for proper drainage and rocking. He also suggested the Road Department begin installation of guardrails in all Road Districts.

Commissioner Collins said he recently viewed Foley rock quarry in the Doniphan area. Commissioner Geiger suggested once the quarry is operational the roads need to be built up for haul routes.

Commissioner Collins presented quotes for the purchase of six motor grader tires:

- Constilation (Tul 300) \$775.00 each
- Titan \$968.00 each
- Kansasland Tire (Galaxy MG SR 200) \$991.00 each

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the best price based on tire of Kansasland Tire for the purchase of six motor grader tires at \$991.00 each. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve air condition repair in the 2012 Freightliner at the First Road District in the amount of \$664.48 by Miller A/C. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to purchase extended 36-month/1,000 hour power train and hydraulic warranty for county backhoe from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$1,625.00. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris told the County Board, weather permitting, patch work would begin on hard surfaced roads this week with chip seal slated to begin the last week of May first part of June. Hot patch will be purchased from Herzog at a cost of \$60.00/ton. She will make sure all warning signs and materials are on hand prior to commencement of chip seal.

Commissioner Collins stated tube replacement on Coronado Road, north of the Highland water tower, has been completed. The hard surfaced road will need to be patched where the tube was replaced.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase a bundle of cutting edge blades for motor graders in the First Road District at a cost of \$1,566.80. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng invited the County Commission to join in on a Zoom video teleconference with Kansas Governor Laura Kelly on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. regarding lifting restrictions of the Governor's executive order to shelter in place, enacted to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. City Mayors and Clerks, along with Health Officer Bradley J. Gaul, MD and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, RN will be in attendance. Meng said the Board of County Commissioners may need to meet in special session prior to their regular meeting on May 4, 2020 to formulate a plan for opening back up County government business to the public.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, RN, appearing via Zoom, informed the County Board no new cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Doniphan County.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:06 A.M.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman