

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JULY 27, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, 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 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 meeting. Paul Smith, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Aging Administrator Peggy Wood and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include non-elect personnel executive session. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of July 31, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Paul Smith appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss drainage issues on Larkinburg Road in Section 7 Township 3 Range 21E and road conditions on Last Chance Road in Section 19 Township 4 Range 21E, where the Road Department has cut a six-foot grader ditch, making it impossible to mow along the road side. Mr. Smith also voiced concerns with lack of patrol and unanswered 911 calls by the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported Husker Steel and Norfolk Contracting will move into the area the week of August 3, 2020 to complete bridge repair on structures T314-1 located in Section 24 Township 4 Range 19 E on Elgin Road and T133-1 in Section 19 Township 3 Range 20E on 190<sup>th</sup> Road.

Ken Wade with the US Army Corp of Engineers notified the Road Department that senior members of the Corp will be up to look at Monument Road, south of Wathena, Kansas, in Section 5 Township 4 Range 22E. The Missouri River is cutting back into the roadway causing it to slough off. Mr. Wade advised the County to take no corrective action by driving piling until such time as the US Army Corp of Engineers has had to time to inspect the site and make recommendation for repair.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the following Road Department expenses: Miller A/C Repair truck #4 \$581.79 and Redneck Diesel truck #133 \$706.05. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Geiger informed the County Commission he met with landowners Jerry Bauman and Terry Bauman, Contractors Jim Miller and Dennis Muse to view 225<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan Roads in Section 29 Township 2 Range 22E. A dam has filled up causing a horseshoe effect creating water to cut across the road. A plan was formulated to install drain tile to help drain water from a spring under the road, stabilize road bank, build up the road and rock. Doniphan County would

be responsible for drain tile, rock and dirt which will be obtained from silted in ditches around the area with work to be completed after fall harvest.

Commissioner Collins asked about the status of 2020 chip seal projects. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris stated all projects are complete with the exception of City of Troy alleys. Commissioner Collins requested the work be scheduled and completed with the City of Troy so that employees of the Road Department can utilize vacation leave.

G.E. Pierce met with the Board of County Commissioners to check the status of opening Larkinburg Road from south to north in Sections 24 Township 4 Range 20E to gain access to his property located on 130<sup>th</sup> Road in Section 13, Township 4 Range 20E. In reviewing County road records 130<sup>th</sup> Road has not been accessible in over 52 years. Larkinburg Road has been closed from the south since 1984 and Larkinburg Road from the north was formally closed by the Board of County Commissioners in August 1, 2011. Mr. Pierce said he would pay for a survey and perform all labor in clearing trees to gain access from the E1/2 of the SE4 and the E1/2 of the NE4 of Section 24 Township 4 Range 20E and the W1/2 of the SW4 and the W1/2 of the NW4 in Section 19 Township 4 Range 21E to the E1/2 of the S1/2 of the SE4 of Section 13 Township 4 Range 20E and the W1/2 of the SW1/2 of Section 18 Township 4 Range 21E. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending further research and discussion with adjoining landowners.

Aging Administrator Peggy Wood appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss closure of the Senior Citizens Centers for a period of two weeks to protect Senior Citizens from the spread of the Coronavirus Disease. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to allow the closure of Doniphan County Senior Citizens Center for a period of two weeks beginning July 27, 2020 to help mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus Disease and protect the most vulnerable population. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners directed Aging Administrator Peggy Wood to meet with Site Directors to come up with protocol for safely opening Senior Citizen Centers following a two-week shutdown. Such plan should include social distancing, proper and routine hand washing, disinfecting of all surfaces and wearing of masks where warranted to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus Disease.

Peggy Wood, Aging Administrator, informed the County Commission she has placed an advertisement for employment to fill an upcoming vacancy for Highland Senior Citizens Center Director.

Correspondence was presented from the Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Property Valuation notifying the Board of County Commissioners of substantial compliance by the County Appraiser for 2019 Real Estate and Sales Ratio values.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of 2018 and 2019 annual budget reports for Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1. Following review, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to make no changes to the previous approved 2021 budgeted tax appropriation of \$144,000.00.

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed proposed 2021 Doniphan County Budget. No action was taken on publication pending further review.

At 10:10 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:18 A.M.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session at 10:19 A.M. 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 Doniphan County Commission at 10:29 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to hire Cecelia Snead on a part-time basis at a rate of \$11.50 per hour to fill Home Health Aid/Homemaker Service position within the Doniphan County Health Department, effective July 28, 2020. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce presented the Board of County Commissioners with a price quote from LockIt Technologies in the amount of \$6,832.00 to purchase four computers for the Health Department with the expense to be reimbursed through CARES Act and Kansas Department of Health and Environment COVID-19 grant funding. Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase four computers for the Health Department from LockIt Technologies in the amount of \$6,832.00 with the expense to be paid for with funds already received through CARES Act and Kansas Department of Health and Environment COVID-19 grant funds. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:42 A.M. for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Health Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 11:10 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Health Department/Home Health Administrator remained.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to allow the Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health Agency to apply for Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act/Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative grant through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the total amount \$22,101.26 for one-time pay adjustments to compensate salaried and/or hourly employees for their extraordinary efforts in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and to provide care coordination and/or expand testing in the community. Funding must only be used for COVID-19 response expenses and activities. Commissioner McKernan's motion is to apply for grant funds only, with a future decision to be made by the Board of County Commissioners on if or when to distribute grant funds as awarded. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Commissioner Collins cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce informed the Board of County Commissioners Doniphan County currently has 6 active COVID-19 cases out of 41. Only two of Doniphan County's cases are from community spread, the others were from out of County exposure.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman