

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 3, 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. Steve Whittaker and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris were present for a portion of the meeting.

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 July 27, 2020 regular meeting as amended changing recorded vote of Commissioner Collins from “Nay” to “No” in the second to last paragraph on page 534. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Fee report for the month of July 2020 was presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the County Clerk.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 5 local inmates.

Steve Whittaker appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss road concerns on Rising Sun Road in Section 1 Township 4 Range 21E, which create liability risk issues for Doniphan County. Mr. Whittaker stated he is not able to access his pasture ground to feed and move livestock due to road conditions. Commissioner Geiger will meet with Steve Whittaker immediately following the County Commission meeting to formulate a plan and time table for road repair.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Commission an 8’ x 60’ tube plus three bands are needed for 230th Road off of K-7 Highway and Heartland Road in Section 27 Township 2 Range 20E. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris suggested checking current countywide inventory prior to ordering. Commissioner Collins expressed liability concerns for making a request to order a tube to have installed as soon as possible. County Attorney Charles Baskins advised the County Commissioners to close the roadway if it presents a liability risk to Doniphan County. Commissioner Collins made a motion to order an 8’ x 60’ tube plus three bands at a cost of \$9,662.40 for 230th Road off of K-7 Highway and Heartland Road Section 27 Township 2 Range 20E. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan stated a load of asphalt and several loads of rock will be needed to repair a sink hole on St. Columbus Road.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to publish the 2021 Doniphan County budget and set the public hearing date as of August 24, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Geiger seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the following unauthorized Road Department expenses: Michael Todd #96 broom repair \$752.01 and Van Keppel #10 distributor repair \$2,596.06. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the Board of County Commissioners with correspondence from the Kansas Local Road Management Handbook regarding the status of closed versus vacated roads.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, also presented the Board of County Commissioners with a list of road issues following heavy and large amounts of rainfall July 20, 2020 to present. Norris explained to the Board of County Commissioners requirements of applying for FEMA funding to help with road damage only after the State of Kansas has declared a State of Emergency following natural disaster.

Commissioner Geiger informed the County Commission the pool along the Burr Oak Drainage District levee ran over due to heavy rainfall flooding area agricultural land. Geiger gave approval for Urban Construction to perform dirt work at a rate of \$140.00 per hour to open ditches to allow water to drain.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to place employment advertisements for the Road Department due to labor shortages.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to execute an assignment agreement assigning Midland GIS contract with Doniphan County, Kansas for NG911 GIS Data over to Midland GIS's affiliate SAM. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Peggy Franken told the County Commission employees will be required to complete health assessment questionnaires online at <http://bml.easyappsonline.com> in order for Doniphan County to bid their employee health insurance for coverage year 2021.

At 9:06 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion to enter 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 in the office of the County Commission at 9:16 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 9:19 A.M.

DATED THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman