

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, AUGUST 10, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 10:20 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 Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles Baskins were present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart observed the entire meeting. Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Emergency Management Director Julie Meng and Aging Administrator Peggy Wood 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 Collins made a motion to amend the County Commission minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting from \$140.00 per hour for Urban Construction to \$145.00 per hour. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of August 14, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee reports for the month of July 2020 were presented to the Board for their review on behalf of the Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

Currently the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center houses 3 local inmates.

The Board of County Commissioners extended their sympathies to the family of William A. "Bill" Fuhrman, former First District County Commissioner and loyal supporter of Doniphan County, who passed away on August 1, 2020.

Commissioner Geiger informed the County Commission Doniphan County had the most rainfall of any area in the lower 48 States during the month of July 2020, totaling 14.39 inches.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with sales tax receipts in the amount of \$45,111.26.

The Board of County Commissioners will call a special meeting within the week to vet and approve direct aid plans to be submitted to the Kansas Governor's Office of Recovery for utilization of Coronavirus Relief Funding.

Noxious Weed Director Jim Norris informed the Board of County Commissioners the Noxious Weed 2020 Ford pickup has been received by the Department. The truck will be outfitted with radio and spray equipment.

Jim Norris, Noxious Weed Director, will host the annual Northeast Kansas Noxious Weed Directors Association meeting at the Kirkwood Restaurant in Highland, Kansas, on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to obtain cost estimates for rental of wood chipper and bucket truck to assist with tree trimming during the off season of Noxious Weed spraying.

Director Jim Norris told the County Commission three Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects held over from Spring 2020 will be completed in the Fall of 2020 along with two projects which are currently being reviewed for approval by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office.

At 10:22 A.M. Commissioner McKernan made a motion to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:32 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Noxious Weed Director remained.

Commissioner Geiger informed the Board of County Commissioners Treece Road at 240th Road in Section 28 Township 2 Range 22 has been closed due to road cracking with the roadway on the verge of collapse.

Geiger also said the Second District Road Crew is in the process of repairing Rising Sun Road in Section 1 Township 4 Range 21E.

Commissioner Collins reported 120th and 140th Roads in the First Road District have been repaired and are open to thru traffic.

At 10:56 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the interest of non-elect personnel in the Aging Department with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the County Commission at 11:06 A.M. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Aging Administrator, County Attorney and County Clerk remained.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to tender an offer of employment to Karen Petering to serve as the Highland Senior Citizens Site Director on a part-time basis at a rate of \$11.50 per hour, effective September 21, 2020. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners were in consensus to repair the air conditioning unit in the Transportation Department's 2015 Dodge Caravan Eldorado Conversion Van.

The Board of County Commissioners executed a Quit Claim Deed to Gerald W. and Sharon I. Neibling, husband and wife, as joint tenants for property described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 21, Township 2 South, Range 19 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Doniphan County, Kansas; thence North 1°55'49" West (assumed bearing), 436.27 feet along the East line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said East line, South 58°10'30" West, 201.64 feet; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 2924.93 feet, an arc length of 863.45, a chord bearing of South 66°38'09" West, and a chord length of 860.31 feet; thence North 14°54'22" West, 30.00 feet; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 2894.93, an arc length of 854.59, a chord bearing of North 66°38'09" East, and a chord length of 851.49 feet; thence North 58°10'30" East, 218.88 feet to a point on the East line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence following said East line, South 1°55'49" East, 34.60 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING. Said tract contains 0.74 acres, more or less. Subject to all public roads, easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and conditions, if any, now of record.

County Clerk Peggy Franken informed the Board of County Commissioners two employees of the County Clerk's Office and two employees from the County Treasurer's office will receive training from the Kansas Department of Revenue for the issuance of driver's licenses the week of August 17, 2020. Once training is complete Doniphan County will resume driver's license services.

County Clerk Franken also said St. Joseph Waterproofing has completed crack repair and blocking in of windows in the basement of the Doniphan County annex building which currently houses the Doniphan County Extension Office. Scott Dougherty, with St. Joseph Waterproofing, told Clerk Franken gutters will need to be repaired and dirt sloped away from the air conditioning unit on the west side to keep water from leaking into the basement of the building.

At 11:14 A.M. Commissioner McKernan 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 Doniphan County Commission at 11:29 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:31 A.M.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Thad G. Geiger, Chairman