

Doniphan County meeting minutes

Unofficial minutes By Clerk Peggy Franken

On June 2, 2025 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 Wayne Grable, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall and County Clerk Peggy Franken present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, 63rd District State Representative Dr. Allen Reavis, DDS, Mo-Kan Regional Council Transportation Planner Citlali Samano, Dennis Muse and Keenan Baird were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting minutes of the May 27, 2025 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve warrants for the period of May 30, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve abated and added taxes to the 2023 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$1,086.26. And to the 2024 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$1,073.11. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of May 2025 was presented to the County Commission on behalf of the County Clerk.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses eleven local inmates.

The Board agreed to pay Heartland Garage Door \$8,433.00 for 16'2 x 24'1 garage door installed on the Transfer Station Building.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with countywide sales tax receipts in the amount of \$75,759.51 and EMS sales tax receipts in the amount of \$123,392.53.

63rd District State Representative Dr. Allen Reavis, DDS, met with the Board of County Commissioners to give an overview of the 2025 legislative session. Commissioner Grable asked Representative Reavis about equalizing the appraised values on semi-trucks. Commissioner Collins discussed concerns about hiring qualified employees and CDL licensing requirements. Representative Reavis said he viewed the location for RS380 bridge replacement on 240th Road, west of Highland, Kansas, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E, and talked with the Board about the timeline for Kansas Department of

Transportation bridge replacement projects.

At 9:00 A.M. public hearing was held for the purpose of Doniphan County, Kansas, making application to the Kansas Department of Commerce under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to reconfigure the lower set of stairs at the courthouse's south entrance by removing the existing stairs and constructing a new accessible ramp connecting to the handicap parking lot on the east side of the building. This improvement is intended to address ongoing accessibility issues associated with the existing electrical lift on the west side of the south entrance. Citlali Samano, Transportation Planner with Mo-Kan Regional Council and 63rd District State Representative Dr. Allen Reavis, DDS, present. There being no public comment, Chairman Grable closed the public hearing at 9:10 A.M.

The 911 Cottonwood Creek Drive road sign has been erected on the north end of the road, according to Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris. No sign has been erected on the southern portion of the undeveloped road. Commissioner Grable reminded the County Commission no action has been taken making it a thru road.

David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA, will reinspect Peck Road between the intersections of 235th and 245th Roads and make recommendations for bank stabilization.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris also presented the County Commissioners with recommendations developed by Vance Brothers for preparing new roadways for chip seal for their review.

Cintas provided a quote to the Board of County Commissioners for providing safety shirts for the employees of the Road Department. The Board of County Commissioners agreed not to contract with Cintas for safety shirts.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve invoice to Engemann Drainage District, Inc. in the amount of \$1,570.00 for the purchase of 80"x 24" pipe and goop. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:53 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:08 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried

3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 10:08 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 10:23 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

Commissioner Grable told the County Commissioners he was contacted by Alan Larson requesting 140th Road be bladed and rocked. First and Second Road Districts will coordinate on the project to get the roadway bladed and rocked. Commissioner Grable said Urban Construction is waiting for the fiber optic supplier to relocate their cable before Urban starts the culvert replacement project, also on 140th Road.

Discussion was held on tube replacement project on 275th and Elgin Roads, Section 1, Township 2, Range 19E, by Contractor Baird Excavating LLC. Following discussion Commissioner Grable made a motion to have Baird Excavating LLC finish the culvert replacement project and fulfill the contractual agreement as bid. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Charles D. Baskins advised the Board of County Commissioners that all contractual agreements made between contractors and the Board of County Commissioners in the future will be held to the bid amount. Commissioner Hall agreed.

At 10:51 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 11:06 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. Keenan Baird with Baird Excavating LLC appeared via telephone.

The Board of County Commissioners held a telephone conference with Dennis Muse, Muse Excavation and Construction, Inc., who is assisting Baird Excavating LLC on culvert replacement on 275th and Elgin Roads, Section 1, Township 2, Range 19E. It was agreed that according to bid specifications Doniphan County will provide all materials needed for the project. The Board of County Commissioners asked Muse to haul the rip rap from Whetrock Quarries, Inc. in order for the expense to be billed directly to Doniphan County.

County Clerk Peggy Franken reminded the County Commission of the tire disposal collection to be held at the Second District road shop located at 302 W. Robertson Street, Troy, Kansas, on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 7:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Commissioner Hall congratulated the Riverside softball team and track teams of Doniphan West and Troy schools on their State performances.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 11:31 A.M. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Summer Ball Schedules

All Riverside games are in Wathena. Make-up games: If games are canceled due to weather, coaches are to contact each other and find a time to make up that game.

Girls Kball: Girls double elimination tournament in Everest June 27-July 1

Kball boys: June 25th: DWest 1 @ Riverside 2 6pm; Everest 2 @ Riverside 2 7:30pm; Everest 1 @ DW 2 8pm.; Riverside 1 @ Troy 6pm. Double elimination tournament June 27-July 1 Highland.

3rd/4th Softball: June 16: Hiawatha 1 @ Marysville 1 red field; Everest @ Wathena 2; Wathena 1 @ Highland; Falls City @ Troy; Hiawatha 3 @ Hia 2 field C. June 19: Marysville 1 @ Hiawatha 2 field C; Highland @ Sabetha 2 field 3; Hiawatha 1 @ Marsville 2 red field; Wathena 2 @ Everest; Wathena 1 @ Troy; Hiawatha 3 @ Falls City Morehead field. All games at 6p.m. unless otherwise noted.

5th/6th Softball: All games start at 6p.m. unless otherwise noted. June 13: Sabetha 1 @ Hiawatha 1 field C; Highland 2 @ Falls City F&M field; Riverside @ Hiawatha 3 field C; 7:30p.m.; Hiawatha 2 @ Highland 1; Wathena @ Sabetha 2 field 2; Troy bye. June 17: Everest @ Troy; Falls City @ Hiawatha 1 field C; Highland 1 @ Highland 2; Hiawatha 3 @ Sabetha 2; Hiawatha 2 @ Wathena; Riverside bye.

Tri-County 10u Baseball: All games start at 6:30p.m. unless otherwise noted. June 13: Troy 1 @ Hiawatha 1 field B 8pm; Wathena 1 @ Highland 7:30pm; Hiawatha 2 @ Hiawatha 3; Troy 2 @ Wathena 2. June 17: Troy 1 @ Wathena 2 7:30; Troy 2 @ Highland 7:30pm; Everest @ Hiawatha 2 field B 8pm; Hiawatha 1 @ Hiawatha 3 field B; Wathena bye.

Tri County 12u Baseball: June 16: Baileyville 1 @ Highland 7:30pm; Hiawatha 2 @ Hia 1 field A 6:30pm; Wathena 1 @ Troy 7:30pm; Seneca 3 @ Wathena 2 7:30pm. June 19: Wathena 2 @ Sabetha 1 6pm; Wathena 1 @ Seneca 1 west field 6pm; Seneca 3 @ Troy 7:30pm; Hiawatha 1 @ Baileyville 1 8pm; Everest @ Hiawatha 2 field A 6:30pm; Highland @ Falls City 1 Vandeborg field 6pm.

THS 50th Year Reunion

The class of 1975 will hold their 50th year class reunion on Saturday, June 21st. The event will be held at The Wildflower at 926 Hwy 7, Troy, Kansas from 4p.m.–8p.m. Dinner will be at 6 pm, catered by Kirkwood & Co. Please RSVP/pay ASAP.

Checks can be mailed to Melody at 1867 190th Road, Wathena, KS 66090. Venmo, PayPal and Zelle options are available for payment. Please call Melody at 760-593-9739 for that information.

Please send questions or R.S.V.P to Patty Megown Wiedmer at pwiedmer84@gmail.com, Gail Koehler Barnthson at gbarnthson@yahoo.com or Melody Merritt Peterson at melodygpeterson@yahoo.com.

Please forward this information to anyone from our class who may not receive the *Kansas Chief*.

Highland Community Action Team (HCAT) Meeting

HCAT met at the Highland Senior Center May 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: Robert Ellerman, Sharon Ellerman, Joann Karn, Dorothy Diveley, Robbin Garner, Mary Lou Glynn, Tana Snyder, Connie Steer, Esther Gormley, Mari Ann Parker Minutes and Financial Report

Tana Snyder moved and Connie Steer seconded a motion to approve April 16, 2025 minutes.

Motion carried. The Treasurer, Dorothy Diveley, presented the financial report, which was motioned for approval by Connie Steer, seconded by Robbin Garner. The report was approved by all present members.

Open Issues

- Degginger Park Update: The cement lighting pads are nearly ready for the light pole installation. The Native Garden plants are growing and looking great. The tree stump with the eagle mounted adds the finishing touch to the garden.

- Murals: Highland Hardware building is not ready for a mural. President Ellerman checked with the bank, and they are on hold. Ellerman's will visit with the college administration regarding a mural on the campus.

- Bike Parade & Helmets: Highland PD will provide bike safety on June 21st at the Farmers Market where a helmet will be provided for the participants. On June 27th and 28th, decorations for 4th of July bike participants will be available in the Ellerman's yard. HCAT will award various prizes for the 4th of July bike parade. Ellerman's will follow up with Trevor Saunders regarding the plaque awards. Quilt blocks are being made as a children's craft during the Farmer's Market, then quilted and carried in the 4th of July Parade.

- Art in the Park: Will be held June 14th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. with prizes to be given in each age group, judged by Rachel Gibson. Watermelon slices and snow cones will be served.

- Little Free Library: Is nearing completion with hopes to be operational the first part of June.

If anyone has children's books to donate, please drop them off at the Ellerman's. The Little

Free Library is registered and on the World Map.

- Memorial Day Program: Chairs will be delivered on Thursday and following discussion on the weather forecast, HCAT will raise the flags Thursday at 2:00 p.m. for Memorial Day weekend. Questions arose about an event photographer and flyers.

- 4th of July Ice Cream/Hand Pies/

Glass Candy: Robbin Garner moved and Connie Steer seconded a motion to purchase up to 35-gallon ice cream from K-State for a total cost up to

\$525 with the ice cream flavors to be determined by committee closer to July 4th. Motion carried. Hand pies and glass candy will be ready for the celebration. More details at the June meeting.

- Other Projects – President Ellerman reminded us we are doing large community projects but also need to remember the smaller individual projects for community members.

- Do Co Baby Shower – Esther Gormley moved and Connie Steer seconded a motion to donate \$500 for the purchase of the requested items for the county baby shower. Motion carried. The baby shower is June 10th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Wild Flower.

- Police Chief Dustin Winters – Requested the club purchase police badge stickers for kids.

Stickers will be handed out at various community events. Robbin Garner moved and Tana

Snyder seconded a motion to purchase the requested stickers in the amount of \$194.90.

Motion carried. Discussion Items/Upcoming Area Events/Reminders

- Farmers Market to be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

- Monday, May 26th – Memorial Day Program at Highland Cemetery
- Tuesday, June 10th – Do Co Baby Shower – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. @ the Wild Flower

- Saturday, June 14th – City Wide Garage Sales & Bake Sale @ the Ellerman's

- Saturday, June 14th – Art in the Park – 1-3 pm in Degginger Park
- Tuesday, June 17th – Do Co Chamber Breakfast @ HCC Wellness Center @ 7:30 a.m.

- Friday, July 4th – 4th of July Celebration
- November – Snowflake Festival
- December 4th – Do Co Chamber Christmas Mixer

- December 5th - Give Where You Live Day – possibility of funds setting up at Troy Community Building. Adjournment

Tana Snyder moved and Robbin Garner seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2025.

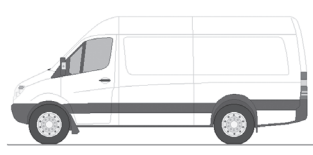
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