

Doniphan County meeting minutes

Unofficial minutes By Clerk Peggy Franken

On January 26, 2026 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, Foley Equipment Sales Representative Kevin Bell, KCAMP Risk Manager Patrick Smith, Doniphan Electric Line Superintendent Trevor Schmile, and Gerald E. Pierce, Jr. were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the County Commission minutes of January 20, 2026 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of January 30, 2026 as presented. Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve 2025 tax roll changes for added taxes in the amount of \$100.54. Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Grable made a motion to execute Grant Agreement No. 25-PF-030 between Doniphan County, Kansas and the State of Kansas, Department of Commerce, for Community Development Block Grant ADA project in the amount of \$403,258.00, sexual harassment and HUD lobbying agreements. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to make payment to Elwood Gladden Drainage District in the amount of \$200,000.00 from New Sales Tax fund for improvements to the levee, per agreement with the Board of County Commissioners on August 24, 2020. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Commissioner Hall abstained due to being on the Elwood Gladden Drainage District Board of Trustees. Motion carried 2-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, told the County Commission 130th Road (Sections 13 and 24, Township 4, Range 20E) improvement contract and temporary work agreements have been updated to expand construction area to top of hill on Tharman property (tract ID WY014) and address debris site locations on Oakland Valley Six, Pierce and Tharman properties. The Contractor will be responsible for damages to CRP ground. A revised contract and temporary work agreements will be distributed to Contractor Pat Urban, Urban Construction, and adjoining landowners William Michael and Mary L. Brown, Gary L. Godfrey, Oakland Valley Six, Gerald E. Jr. and Sheryl Pierce, and Carl A. and Kathryn A. Tharman.

Gerald E. Pierce, Jr. was present for discussion on 130th Road im-

provement project. He was agreeable to debris being piled on his ground as long as it is at the timber line and not on CRP land. Mr. Pierce signed the temporary work agreement following review.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve invoices to Engemann Drainage Co. Inc. for two 60' x 24" road tubes totaling \$2,310.00. Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of a copier/printer for the Emergency Management/Zoning and Road offices from Proserv in the amount of \$7,000.00. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

KCAMP Risk Manager Patrick Smith, Doniphan County's liability insurance carrier, presented the County Commissioners with a loss ratio reward check in the amount of \$250.00 for having a loss ratio under 25% over a four-year period.

Trevor Schmile, Doniphan County Line Superintendent, met with the County Commissioners to update them on planned upgrades to the Blair substation, located at the intersection of Randolph and 175th Roads, Section 30, Township 3, Range 22E. Superintendent Schmile told the Commission federal and state grant dollars were received to rebuild the substation. A future application will be submitted to the Board for boring transmission lines under 175th Road. Evergy and Doniphan Electric will partner on the project, with a completion time of March 2027.

At 9:25 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing and protecting the privacy of non-elect Road Department personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 9:35 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. No action was taken.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussions on replacement motor graders, purchasing of equipment and hiring additional Road Department personnel.

At 10:55 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing trade secrets deemed confidential in nature, with the meeting to be called back to order in the office of the Doniphan County Commission at 11:00 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained. No action was taken.

Foley Equipment Sales Representative Kevin Bell met with the County Commission to discuss trading four 2017 John Deere motor graders, lease purchase of three 2026 CAT motor graders, purchase of a CAT 265 skid loader, and trade of the 2021 CAT skid loader for a CAT 275 skid loader. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to use Sourcewell to procure equipment. Sales Representative Kevin Bell will prepare for the County Commissioners consideration purchase prices for CAT 265 and CAT 275 skid loaders (including trade of 2021 CAT skid loader) and lease purchase options for three 2026 CAT motor graders for trade of four 2017 John Deere motor graders.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 11:28 A.M. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Biblical Citizenship Class at Church of the Lord Jesus Christ

A free eight-week course titled *Biblical Citizenship*, presented by Patriot Academy, will begin Thursday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, 1201 Central Street in Horton. The class explores the U.S. Constitution and examines the historic role pastors and churches have played in establishing and preserving religious and civil liberties in America.

The course is designed to provide a deeper understanding of the nation's founding principles and to encourage individuals and churches to serve as positive influences in restoring biblical & constitutional values in the country.

Each session will last approximately 90 minutes and will include video instruction and group discussion. The class will be led by Patriot Academy coach Nicole Schuetz of Hiawatha.

The class is open to adults and youth, as well as children who are mature enough to sit through the sessions. No formal preregistration is required, however, those planning to attend are asked to call 785-486-3862 to leave a message.

Participants are encouraged to bring pen and paper for note-taking. An optional workbook is available and may be ordered through patriotacademy.com/store.

HCC Athletics Holds Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Highland Community College Athletics inducted two long-standing pillars of Scottie softball—Heidi (Carter) Jordan '00 and Holly (Wilmarth) McMurray '14 along with the historic 2010 Scottie softball team into the HCC Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday, January 17. The ceremony celebrated decades of competitive excellence, academic achievement and lasting impact on Highland Community College athletics.

Heidi (Carter) Jordan '00 Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame
 Legendary coach and former standout student-athlete recognized for lasting impact on Highland softball

A native of St. Joseph, Missouri, Heidi (Carter) Jordan dedicated nearly two decades to Highland Community College as both an elite student-athlete and one of the most successful head coaches in program history. She served as head softball coach from 2004–2021, following one season as an assistant coach (2003–2004), totaling 18 years of service to HCC.

Jordan compiled a remarkable 575–237 overall record during her 17 seasons as head coach. Her teams captured eight district championships, made eight appearances in the NJCAA Division II National Tournament and posted a dominant 283–83 conference record, earning five KJCCC championships. Eleven of her teams won 30 or more games, including five 40-win seasons, and she was named KJCCC Eastern Division Coach of the Year four times.

Her impact extended well beyond the field. Jordan coached 15 NJCAA All-Americans, 53 All-KJCCC selections, 64 All-Region VI honorees, and 62 NJCAA Academic All-Americans. Additionally, 13 of her teams earned NJCAA All-Academic Team of the Year honors, reflecting her commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Jordan's Highland legacy began as a player from 1998–2000. She remains the only Lady Scottie to be named All-KJCCC at two positions in the same season, earning honors as both a pitcher and designated hitter in 1999. In just two seasons, she was a four-time All-KJCCC and All-Region VI selection, an unmatched achievement in program history.

Holly (Wilmarth) McMurray '14 Named to Athletic Hall of Fame
 Record-setting athlete, scholar and leader honored

A native of Maryville, Missouri, Holly (Wilmarth) McMurray made Highland history as the first and only two-time NJCAA All-American in Scottie Softball, earning Second Team honors in both her freshman and sophomore seasons. One of the most dominant hitters ever to compete for the Scotties, McMurray set multiple school records, including career and single-season RBIs and triples, while ranking among the top five all-time in numerous offensive categories.

A true two-sport athlete, McMurray also excelled in track and field, qualifying for the NJCAA Indoor National Championships in the pentathlon, triple jump and 60-meter hurdles.

Her excellence carried into the classroom, where she earned three KJCCC All-Academic selections and was named an NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American, graduating with a 3.83 GPA.

McMurray continued her athletic and academic career at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, earning All-Conference honors, serving as a team captain and being inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society. She graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree and later earned her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Arkansas State University in 2020.

Now residing in Castro Valley, California, McMurray works as a geriatric physical therapist and lives with her husband, Brett, and their daughter, Callyn.

2010 Scottie Softball Team Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame
 Trailblazing team honored for historic national tournament appearance

The 2010 Scottie softball team was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of a season that forever changed the trajectory of Highland softball. The Scotties finished the year 36–15 overall and 17–9 in KJCCC play, capturing the NJCAA Region VI Division II District E Championship.

That championship earned Highland its first-ever NJCAA Division II National Tournament berth, with the Scotties competing on the national stage in Normal, Illinois.

Coached by Heidi and Scott Jordan '00, the team earned multiple individual honors, including:

- Melissa Pratt – KJCCC Eastern Division First Team All-Conference, Region VI Division II District E First Team, NJCAA Division II Second Team All-American
- Taylor Nave – KJCCC Eastern Division Second Team All-Conference, Region VI Division II District E First Team
- Chenxi Jiao – KJCCC Eastern Division Second Team All-Conference, Region VI Division II District E Honorable Mention
- Cassandra (Pelc) Minner – KJCCC Eastern Division Honorable Mention All-Conference, Region VI Division II District E Honorable Mention

Team members included:
 Joey (Bunch) Lauts '11, Jill (Crouse) Mead '11, Chelsea Hutton '11, Haley Irvine '10, Chenxi Jiao '11, Logan Johnson '11, Brittaney (Krug) Johnson '10, Xing Lu '10, Lindsey McGovern '10, Taylor Nave '11, Cassandra (Pelc) Minner '11, Jenny (Polivka) Olson '10, Melissa Pratt '10, Bailey Ross '10, Brelynn (Schloo) Eteaki '10, Jennifer (Sirridge) Pierce '10, Valerie Smithey '10, and Erin (Sobotka) Hall '11.

The 2010 Scottie softball team's accomplishments marked a defining moment in program history, laying the foundation for future national success and a championship culture that continues today.

This ceremony celebrates generations of excellence and the enduring legacy of Highland Community College athletics. Congratulations to all honorees.

About HCC Athletic Hall of Fame

The Highland Community College Athletic Hall of Fame has been established to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement or support for HCC athletics, whether alumni or faculty, in the following areas: athletic achievement, coaching, other noteworthy accomplishments in athletic related areas, and individuals (non-athletes) who have contributed to a sport and brought distinction and honor to Highland Community College. Beginning in 1997, an Athletic Hall of Fame celebration has been held to honor inductees.

Liberty Under Fire

Dr. Harold W. Pease, PhD
 syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution.

First Day in Office Trump Prepared America for the Coming Insurrection

Despite what we see in Minneapolis today justice is coming for the insurrectionists. At the moment it is scheduled for late Fall 2026, likely associated with the 2026 election. It will be clean and swift. Almost everything is in place for mass arrests. That preparation began January 20, a year ago on Inauguration Day just hours after Trump took the oath of office a second time. Trump's Proclamation 10886 announced the reason. "America's sovereignty is under attack. Our southern border is overrun by cartels, criminal gangs, known terrorists, human traffickers, smugglers, unvetted military-age males from foreign adversaries, and illicit narcotics that harm Americans." He called it a four-year-long invasion that caused widespread chaos and suffering.

Thus began the legal framework for issuing the Insurrection Act of 1807 which will be, the most important action of his presidency. It will save the Republic. It will save the Constitution. It is intended to remove the Deep State from over 100 years in power initially in both political parties and it should restore justice. But bringing the armed forces in to remove long standing treason requires following the Constitution in every detail—every t crossed and every i dotted. Trump did this in 2025 with respect to the coming insurrection. The framework is completed for use.

Getting Trump back into office was critical and a HUGH win for saving the Republic—but just the beginning. Had Harris / Waltz won in 2024 this would never have been done, the Republic would have been lost. Trump knew the Deep State intended both World War III with Russia over Ukraine and civil war between blue and red states in this country in 2025. Either event would cover over the crimes of the Deep State of the last 100 years. Joe Biden provoked both events. America became the lead funder of missile and drone attacks by Ukraine on Russia and encouraged the millions who invaded our southern border, those from overseas coming largely through Venezuela. LibertyUnderFire.org has published dozens of columns on these issues. Trump and Putin have made nuclear war with Russia unlikely and that war is destined to be the ninth conflict between nations resolved by Trump in his second term.

But the Deep State will not back off from creating, funding and provoking civil war by open insurrection between the federal government (through ICE) and sanctuary cities and states loaded with illegal, even criminal, aliens. Otherwise Deep State participants go to jail. Trump knows that sooner or later, likely this Fall, the Insurrection Act of 1807 will have to be used to save the Republic. That is precisely why he assembled the generals and admirals on Sept. 30, 2025 to Marine Corps Base Quantico, He told them, "This is going to be a big thing for the people in this room because it's the enemy from within and we have to handle it before it gets out of control. It won't get out of control once you're involved" ("Trump Discloses to the U.S. Generals 'The Enemy is From Within,'" LibertyUnderFire.org,10 October 2025).

Using the Insurrection Act of 1807 required a national emergency as a base, Biden's four-year unvetted invasion on our southern border of millions of illegals from countries around the world was that base. The invasion was visualized by every American on television every day and night. This included at least 24,000 military-aged men from communist China through Venezuela among the millions invading ("China is Invading America Without Firing a Shot. Biden Lets Them!!." LibertyUnderFire.org). Those not coming from central and south America came almost entirely through Venezuela. As mentioned Trump issued Proclamation 10886, on Inauguration Day January 20, 2025, which ended the Biden invasion.

Section 6(b) of that Proclamation required a joint report within 90 days on whether to invoke the Insurrection Act. That time period ended April 20, 2025 and eight days later, April 28, 2025, Trump issued Executive Order 14287 "Protecting American Communities from Criminal Aliens." His national emergency declaration established crisis conditions. The 90-day clock resulting forced formal evaluation and the executive order provided the legal predicate for the eventual Insurrection Act. The clock ran the required 90 days (The Insurrection Proclamation, EKO, January 5, 2026, p. 3-4).

The fourth paragraph of Executive Order 14287 issued April 28 identified the heart of the issue, consider Minneapolis, Minnesota, sanctuary city and state, "this is a lawless insurrection against the supremacy of federal law" (The Insurrection Proclamation, EKO, January 5, 2026, p. 1-2). The federal government is obligated to defend the territorial sovereignty of the United States" as outlined in the Constitution Article IV, Section 4 which requires the federal government to "protect each of [the states] against invasion." Simply, sanctuary jurisdictions are not now and never have been Constitutional because they create new governments within a state not authorized in the Constitution,—we already have counties and cities.

The executive order identified the offending actors as the Biden administration, international cartels, transnational criminal organizations and domestic terrorists. It described the unlawful conduct as those obstructing justice (18 U.S.C.1501 et seq.), unlawfully harboring or hiring illegal aliens (8 U.S.C. 1324), conspiracy against the United States (18 U.S.C. 371), and conspiracy to impede Federal law enforcement (18 U.S.C. 372), assisting aliens in violating Federal Immigration law could also violate the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (18 U.S.C. 1961et seq.). Executive Order 14287 was legal notification of their crimes.

The Executive Order also required the publishing and updating of a list of those obstructing justice within 30 days of the order which ended May 28, 2025. This compiled by both the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security notifying "each sanctuary jurisdiction regarding its defiance of federal immigration law enforcement and any potential violation of federal criminal law." All have been notified that they are violating decades old established law.

Yes, Trump's first day in office he prepared America for the coming insurrection, but it is not yet.



Please join us
in attending
the 87th
Annual
Meeting
of Doniphan Electric
Cooperative, where we will
review the past years
accomplishments, discuss
future plans, and
elect board members.

Thursday, February 19, 2026
Registration 5:30 P.M., Dinner served at 6:00 P.M.,
and meeting at 6:45 P.M.
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We hope to see you all there!

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