

Doniphan County meeting minutes

On June 23, 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.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Melanie Davis observed the meeting. Bill Rush, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Sheriff Mark Allen and Iowa Township Board Members Kenneth McCauley, Trustee and Michael Twombly, Treasurer, 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.

Collins made a motion to approve the County Commission meeting minutes of the June 16, 2025 regular meeting and June 20, 2025 special meeting as written. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses sixteen local inmates. Commissioner Grable made a motion to publish for public hearing the 2026 Doniphan County budget at a proposed rate of 40.004 mills (below the 40.280 revenue neutral rate) lower ad valorem tax collections by \$42,234 and set the hearing date for September 15, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Doniphan County Courthouse, Troy, Kansas. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners gave County Clerk Peggy Franken notice of intent not to exceed the revenue neutral rate to finance the 2026 Doniphan County budget.

Hall asked for cleanup of property located at 2426 170th Road, Wathena, Kansas, with the cost to be assessed as a special assessment against the property on the Doniphan County tax roll.

The Board of County Commissioners held discussions on CDL requirements for operating road equipment. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reiterated for the County Commissioners that Road Employees are required to hold a CDL license

when operating road equipment due to Department of Transportation regulations. County Clerk Franken is waiting for the County's liability insurer to respond on the County's liability for hiring contract labor to operate the County's equipment.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the status of culvert replacement on 275th Road, Section 1, Township 2, Range 19E. Keenan Baird, Baird Excavating, LLC, was unable to attend the County Commission meeting. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris will contact him to get a project status update.

Urban Construction has halted culvert replacement on 140th Road, west of Kansas Highway 7, in the south-east quarter of Section 10, Township 4, Range 20E, with work to commence once Rainbow Communications relocates the fiber optic line.

Adjoining landowners on 130th Road, east of Kansas Highway 7, Section 13, Township 4, Range 20E, have inquired about the status of opening the roadway to access property east of 1206 130th Road. At the March 10, 2025 County Commission meeting Andrew Clements said landowners would cost share on the project with the County. Commissioner Grable said adjoining property owners have received a cost estimate from a private contractor for a 12' roadway. Grable recommended a 20' roadway to allow agricultural equipment use of the road. The County Commission asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to get a cost estimate for a 20' roadway from the same private contractor. The Commissioners will compare the cost and determine if landowners are still willing to cost share in the project; if they are the County will use the landowners private contractor to do the work.

Landowner at 1540 190th Road, Troy, Kansas, contacted the Road Department to ask for road maintenance as the motor grader operator has been cutting into his driveway making it impossible to get in or out of. Commissioner Grable said he would address it with the Second District Road Crew.

A request and petition has been filed by property owners at 1571 Friendship Road to bury low voltage electrical line across Friendship Road, from Doniphan Electric utility pole to the home and shop building. The Board of County Commissioners took no action on the request pending additional information.

The Board of County Commissioners were in receipt of the notice

to bidders for Doniphan County Bridge Replacement Project No. 22 C-5266-01 for replacement of RS 380, located 2.7 miles west and 0.2 miles south of Highland, Kansas, on 240th Road, Sections 20-29, Township 2, Range 19E. Project scope calls for an 80' WBMS bridge with 28' roadway and rock fill within Cedar Creek. Bids will be accepted until time of opening by the Board of County Commissioners, 10:00 A.M. on Monday, July 7, 2025.

David Beach, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, PA and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris performed a site visit on Peck Road, south of 245th Road, Section 23, Township 2, Range 21E. Immediate concerns for safety due to stress cracking in the south bound lane require concrete barriers or a heavy windrow of material with delineators to keep motorists out of the south bound outer wheel track. The Road Department will immediately place concrete barriers and delineators to warn motorists. The Board of County Commissioners will work with Engineers with Schwab-Eaton, PA, the Division of Water Resources and Corp of Engineers to determine the best course of action for moving the roadway and reestablishing the creek channel.

May 2025 Road Department expenses, road improvement fund balances, bridge plank, tire and tube inventories were presented to the County Commissioners for their review by Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Collins made a motion to approve an invoice to NAPA Auto Parts in the amount of \$533.59. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Iowa Township Board Members Kenneth McCauley, Trustee and Michael Twombly, Treasurer, met with the County Commissioners to discuss building up and opening a one mile stretch of Castleton Road, west of Highland, Kansas, between US Highway 36 and 240th Road, Sections 27-28, Township 2, Range 19E. Trustee McCauley told the County Commission Iowa Township gained voter approval to increase the road improvement fund levy from 6 to 8 mills in 2023 to allow additional funds to open the road, thus alleviating agricultural traffic on Main Street in Highland, Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners made no objections to forming a plan to build up the roadway following the 2025 fall harvest.

Bill Rush told the County Com-

missioners he has been trying to buy a piece of ground in Severance, Kansas, currently listed on the delinquent tax list, for several years. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins asked Mr. Rush to contact Attorney Joel R. Euler for the status of delinquent tax properties. Mr. Euler is assisting the County Attorney with delinquent tax collections.

Sheriff Mark Allen informed the County Commission he is hiring David Spain in a full-time deputy's position pending pre-employment screening. Sheriff Allen told the Commission Mr. Spain comes to the department with over 20 years of experience; asking them for additional compensation based on experience. The Board of County Commissioners took no action pending annual pay increases beginning January 2026.

At 9:42 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with the County Attorney 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 9:57 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 9:57 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with the County Attorney 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 10:12 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Office Manager remained.

At 10:12 A.M. the Board of County Commissioners recessed for a break with the meeting being called back to order at 10:17 A.M.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to advertise for and hire a Road Engineer to oversee the Road and Bridge Department on review of job descriptions which are to be presented at the June 30, 2025 County Commission meeting. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Commissioner Collins cast a no vote. Motion carried 2-1.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Grable made a motion to adjourn at 10:33 A.M. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE
(First published in the Kansas Chief July 3, 2025) **2t**
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE INTEREST OF:
Name: A.R.M.D.
Case no. DP-2023-JC-000005
YOB: 2021 A female

NOTICE OF HEARING
Publication Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237
TO: Jayden Duncan and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 28th day of July, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear

before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Robyn Johnson, Troy, Kansas. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: Michael W. Riley, Hiawatha, Kansas.

Date and time of hearing: July 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Place of hearing: Doniphan County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, District Court, 120 E. Chestnut, Troy, Kansas 66087.

/s/ Michelle Smith
Clerk of the District Court

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(First published in the Kansas Chief July 3, 2025)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Doniphan County

will meet on September 15, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. at Doniphan County Courthouse 120 E Chestnut St Troy, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax and Revenue Neutral Rate.

Detailed budget information is available at Doniphan County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,366,766	10.684	3,913,758	12.655	3,934,749	1,677,492	10.918
Debt Service							
Road & Bridge	3,469,265	14.174	3,689,122	16.119	4,065,657	2,404,273	15.648
Fair	19,846	0.118	23,500	0.144	23,500	22,213	0.145
Conservation	35,000	0.210	36,000	0.218	36,000	33,836	0.220
Appraiser	314,241	1.672	378,640	1.826	366,000	295,856	1.926
Noxious Weed	97,752	0.519	136,000	0.648	143,000	100,535	0.654
Noxious Weed Chemical	76,071	0.089	126,100	0.066	130,000	63,420	0.413
Election	102,841	0.363	103,300	0.350	130,300	114,707	0.747
Extension Council	161,864	0.911	166,708	1.021	176,500	165,963	1.080
Elderly	363,692	2.769	457,500	1.701	457,500	368,410	2.398
Economic Development	67,361	0.404	136,531	0.436	145,000	62,526	0.407
Health Department	799,375	0.896	1,116,364	0.911	1,160,178	141,928	0.924
Mental Health Workshop	33,760	0.203	33,760	0.202	38,000	36,342	0.237
Community Mental Health	44,122	0.178	44,200	0.181	44,200	28,584	0.186
Employee Benefit	619,148	3.727	718,000	3.228	745,000	630,191	4.101
Bond & Interest					37,282		
Capital Improvement	5,638		25,000		125,000		
CARES/ARPA	1,157,158						
Solid Waste	59,501		150,000		250,000		
Central Kitchen	241,307		251,000		251,000		
Title III	556,735		673,000		673,000		
Local Alcoholic Liquor	14,200		24,200		25,000		
New Sales Tax	1,007,003		1,400,000		1,400,000		
FEMA					223,304		
911 Fund	74,380		100,000		100,000		
Equipment Reserve	139,001		150,000		150,000		
Totals	12,826,027	36.917	13,852,683	39.706	14,830,170	6,146,276	40.004
Revenue Neutral Rate**							40.280

Less: Transfers	783,688	939,200	1,141,373
Net Expenditure	12,042,339	12,913,483	13,688,797
Total Tax Levied	5,850,611	6,188,510	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation	158,233,711	155,868,703	153,648,977
Outstanding Indebtedness,			
January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Wayne Grable
Chairman

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600#.....\$3.20-3.69.....\$3.00-3.25

700#.....\$2.89-3.58.....\$2.72-3.09

800#.....\$2.80-3.30.....\$2.58-2.84

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