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The Doniphan County Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed another small town home business to our region, Prairie Land Handyman, LLC. Owned by James Winder and home based in Troy, Ks but working out of his mobile truck, James is available part time, evenings and weekends to take care of all your handyman needs.

PrairieLand specializes in small jobs that big companies don't want to mess with, small decks, plumbing jobs and toilet repair or replacement, washer and dryer repairs and small electrical jobs like replacing light fixtures or minor carpentry work. He offers flat rate pricing with a very low minimum to make small jobs easily affordable and readily available without long wait times. He can be reached at 785-850-0856, email PrairieLand26@gmail.com or through their Facebook page.



Photos and awards
featured inside this issue

Over \$310,425 in unpaid taxes for 2025

Doniphan County Treasurer Nicole Diveley reports that there are \$310,425.36 in unpaid real estate taxes for the year 2025.

A complete list of those delinquent on payments is published inside this issue of *The Chief*.

County Commissioners meeting

Unofficial mintues
By Peggy Franken, Clerk

The Board of County Commissioners met Aug. 10, in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 8:46 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.

Roger Hopkins observed. Presenters and visitors included Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Matt Cluck, Tony Studer, Shelley Studer, Karol Bembrick, Dennis Bembrick, Shari Bauman, Warren Bauman, Amy Clary, Auditor Sean Gordon, CPA and Aging Director Diana Crouse Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve the amended County Commission meeting agenda to include non-elect personnel executive session and discussion on Diamond Springs tube replacement projects. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve payroll and warrants for the period of August 14, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee report for the month of July 2026 was presented to the Board for review on behalf of the Register of Deeds.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 14 local inmates.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris reported shoulder rock project along 240th Road, east and west of Highland City limits is complete. Striping of 240th Road, 170th Road and 165th Road will be done this week.

The Board of County Commissioners approved dust control permits for 1207 Freepoint Road, Troy, Kansas and 260 140th Road, Denton, Kansas.

Michael Abbett, property owner in Burr Oak Township, inquired with the Road Office about the status to trying to save Peck Road, north of 235th Road, where the creek is cutting back into the roadway. Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris to check the road records on recommendations from

the Corp of Engineers.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Foley Equipment assessing faulty codes on the 2020 John Deere motor grader #200 in the First Road District. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Draft copies of project scope letters for repair work needed on bridge RS140 on Ash Point Road, north of 270th Road, Section 5-6, Township 2, Range 19E. And T-15-3 on 280th Road, first bridge east of Ash Point Road, Section 5-32, Township 2, Range 19E were presented to the Board for review. The Road Office will send copies to engineering firm Schwab-Eaton for project details, as the structures are on the Kansas Department of Transportation bridge inspection list. The inspections are performed by Engineers with Schwab-Eaton. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris asked the Board of County Commissioners to determine if the existing floor deck will be removed by the Contractor and about placement of 24" rip rap to protect the west bank on bridge RS140. The Board of County Commissioners took no action.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the following Road Department invoices:

Engemann Drainage Co. Inc., \$5,167.00 (140'x 30" tube 175th Rd plus delivery);

Engemann Drainage Co. Inc., \$2,284.00 (80'x 18" tube 1st Dist.), (40'x 18" Oxide Rd tube), (40'x 15" Mesquito Creek Rd Tube).

Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the purchase of signposts from Jack Horner in the amount of \$3,500.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to set County policy for providing entrance tube at 40' of plastic pipe. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Grable concurred with the stipulation if additional footage is needed, the County would provide under certain circumstances. Commissioners Collins and Hall said the landowner would be responsible for paying for additional entrance tube above the County provided 40'. Motion carried 3-0.

Tony Studer, Shelley Studer, Karol Bembrick, Dennis Bembrick, Shari Bauman, Warren Bauman, and Amy Clary, residents along Runnymede Road, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss future chip seal on Runnymede Road, north of 190th Road. Commissioner Hall made a motion to add Runnymede Road to the chip seal list. Commissioner Collins seconded the

motion. Commissioner Grable cast a nay vote. Motion carried 2-1.

Matt Cluck, owner of Triple L, met with the County Commission to voice concerns about culvert repair on Coronado Road, approximately 10' north of Highland City limits, in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2, Range 19E. Mr. Cluck said the current condition of the project is worse than it was prior to repair, with the east side having a slope of 1:1 instead of the project scope of 3:1 and only 90' of 120" tube (120" tube cost reimbursed to Urban Construction by Doniphan County) was installed by contractor Urban Construction, LLC. Mr. Cluck asked how the terms of the contract could have been changed without approval by the Board of County Commissioners and asked that the contractor be held accountable. The Board of County Commissioners asked Clerk Franken to contact Contractor Pat Urban, of Urban Construction LLC, and ask him to come to the next Commission meeting to discuss the project.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the County Commission with the July 2026 departmental cash and budget summary report for their review.

The Board was in receipt of invitation from Summit Truck Bodies of Wathena, Kansas, to attend a ribbon cutting on September 10, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

Sean Gordon, CPA, reviewed with the Board of County Commissioners the 2025 Doniphan County financial audit. Auditor Gordon said the financial audit received the highest and cleanest opinion issued; citing no recommendations to report.

Aging Director Diana Crouse Johnson discussed with the County Commission the menu for Meals on Wheels. It was the consensus of the Board of County Commissioners to remove lettuce and salads from the menu for a period of two months due to the threat of the cyclosporas virus. A desk no longer in use by the Sheriff's department will be donated to Doniphan County Services and Workskills.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve and adopt updates to the Doniphan County Transportation's Compliance One Drug and Alcohol Assistance Policy. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to hire Joyce Dozing and Fencing, LLC to assist the First Road District replacing tubes on Diamond Springs Road, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Motion died for lack of second.

The Board of County Commissioners
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Troy City approves placement of Freedom Rock at Community Center

Unofficial Minutes
by Clerk Jim Richardson

The Troy City Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Troy City Hall. Motion was made by Cody Miller, second by Kohlbe King to have Council member Darren Clary conduct the Council meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Council President. Vote unanimous with those Council members present. The meeting was called to order by Council Member Darren Clary. Council members, Stan Ruhnke, Darren Clary, Kohlbe King, and Cody Miller answered roll call. Mayor Micheal Brissett and Council member Duane Weishaar were absent. City Clerk Jim Richardson, Chief of Police Mark Alan, City Attorney Alan Boeh, Working Supervisor Jim Horner, Cydney Fansher, Rachel Peden, Lon Schooler, Dorothy Schooler, and David Clary were also present.

The consent agenda was submitted consisting of the council meeting minutes of July 15, 2026; Bills as Listed: AP CKS 128285 thru 128296 in the amount of \$167,209.19; AP CKS 128316 thru 128327 in the amount of \$29,458.09

Motion was made by Cody Miller, second by Kohlbe King to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Vote unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried

Rachel Peden and Cydney Fansher representing the Freedom Rock Committee addressed the Council concerning placing the Freedom Rock at the Community Building. Discussion followed.

Motion was made Kohlbe King, second by Cody Miller to allow the placement of the Freedom Rock at the Community Building. Vote

unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried.

Resolutions of finding reviews were held for resolution 2025-20, 215 N. 1st Street, David Shane Stanton; resolution 2025-21, 335 E. Walnut Street, David Shane Stanton; Resolution 2025-23, 431 N. 2nd Street, Lonnie Schooler. Discussion followed with the City Council, Chief of Police Mark Alan, and property owner Lonnie Schooler.

Motion was made by Stan Ruhnke, second by Cody Miller to extend resolution 2025-20, 215 N. 1st Street, and resolution 2025-21, 335 E. Walnut, David Shane Stanton until the August 19, 2026 Council meeting. Vote unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stan Ruhnke, second by Kohlbe King to extend Resolution 2025-23, 431 N. 2nd Street, Lonnie Schooler for 30 days. Next review will be at the September 16, 2026, Council meeting. Vote unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried.

David Clary addressed the Council concerning his house at 111 N. 3rd Street. Discussion followed.

The Council discussed the following items with Working Supervisor Jim Horner:

Drainage tube to catch water running from Main Street and Locust Street; and a proposal from Triple L Tire to repair the 2000 Ford F250 City maintenance truck.

Motion was made by Stan Ruhnke, second by Cody Miller Darren Clary to purchase tubes in the amount of \$2,300.00 for a tube project to catch runoff water from Main Street and Locust Street. Vote unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kohlbe

King, second by Cody Miller to accept the proposal from Triple L Tire to repair the 2000 Ford F250 City maintenance truck in the amount of \$1,679.01.

Vote unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Richardson presented the Council with documentation for contractors application for payment number 4 in the amount of \$51,953.13 on the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project number 22-1287. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Cody Miller, second by Kohlbe King to approve contractors application for payment number 4 in the amount of \$51,953.13 to Engemann Drainage Company on the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project number 22-1287. Vote unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Richardson presented the Council with bids from Southpaw Construction LLC for \$29,500.00 and Full Roof Replacements Repairs for \$11,100.00 to replace the roof and gutting at 405 S. Main Street a building owned by the City of Troy.

Motion was made by Cody Miller, second by Stan Ruhnke to accept the bid from Full Roof Replacements Repairs to replace the roof and gutting at 405 S. Main Street in the amount of \$11,100.00. Vote unanimous with those Council members present. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion was made by Stan Ruhnke, second by Cody Miller to adjourn the meeting. Vote unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Doniphan County District Court News

Compiled by Melanie Davis, Chief Reporter

CRIMINAL

Chasity L. Nold, Troy, KS. She is charged with possession of depressant, a class A nonperson misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; no insurance, a class B misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Preliminary hearing on Johnny Dewayne Coker, Elwood, KS., was held and has been continued to Aug. 13. He is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony;

Arraignment on Catherine Jeanine Cammisano, Wathena, KS., was held and has been continued to Sept. 24. She is charged with possession of depressant, a class A nonperson misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; no insurance, a class B misdemeanor.

Status Conference on Shawn Ivan Ericksen, Richmond, MO., was held and has been continued to Oct. 22. He is charged with three counts of burglary, a level 7 nonperson felony; six counts of theft, a level 7 nonperson felony; and three counts of criminal damage to property, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Status Conference on Shawn Ivan Ericksen, Richmond, MO., was held and has been continued to Oct. 22. He is charged with four counts of burglary, a level 7 nonperson felony; two counts of theft, a severity level 9 nonperson felony; and criminal damage to property, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Status Conference on Alexander Livingston, Elwood, KS., has been scheduled for Sept. 24. He is charged with aggravated assault, a level 7 person felony.

Preliminary hearing on Christo-

pher Patrick Brown, Highland, KS., has been scheduled for Aug. 27. He has been charged with giving a worthless check, a level 9 nonperson felony and theft, a severity level 9 nonperson felony.

Status Conference on Lyndsay Michelle Arnold, Wathena, KS., has been scheduled for Aug. 18. She is charged with unlawful distribution of fentanyl, a drug severity level 3 felony; theft, a class A nonperson misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and driving while license canceled, suspended, or revoked, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

LIMITED
A case has been filed by Engemann Drainage Company, Inc., plaintiff, against Reliable Roots Locating, de-

fendant.

A case has been filed by LVNV Funding, LLC, plaintiff, against Ryan Orcutt, defendant.

A case has been filed by LVNV Funding, LLC., plaintiff, against Meggan Ring, defendant.

A case has been filed by Ace Property and Casualty Insurance Company c/o, plaintiff, against Kristy S. Schweitzer, defendant.

A case has been filed by Capital One, N.A., plaintiff, against Craig E. Wahwahsuck, defendant.

A case was filed by Manning Music, Inc., plaintiff, against Nicole L. Andrews, defendant.

CIVIL

A petition for change of name was filed by Jaden Joseph Myer, petitioner.

County Commissioners canvass election returns

The Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Board of County Canvassers, met at 8:30A.M. with Commissioner Wayne Grable, Chairman, calling the meeting to order for the purpose of canvassing election returns cast at the August 3, 2026, Primary Election. Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Commissioner Bobby Hall and County Clerk/County Election Officer Peggy Franken present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was absent.

Roger Hopkins and Matt Cluck observed.

Review of votes cast in advance, at polling locations and provisional ballots were found to be accurate and just.

Nominated for the General Election by write-in votes cast was Craig Bauman, Burr Oak Township Clerk.

Calculations were recorded and are on file in Election Book F at the office of the County Election Officer/County Clerk, Doniphan County Courthouse, Troy, Kansas.

There being no further business before the Board of County Canvassers, Commissioner Grable made a motion to certify the election returns and adjourn the election canvass meeting at 8:46 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



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