

Doniphan Co remains under emergency declaration

**(KNZA)--Doniphan County remains under an emergency disaster declaration due to this spring's heavy rains and flooding.**

**County Commission Chairman Tad Gieger on Monday renewed the disaster declaration for another 7 days. It's been in place since mid-March.**

**Meanwhile, the county continues to address damage caused to county roads and bridges due to the heavy rains and flooding.**

**2nd District road foreman James Mott informed the Commission Monday of the closure of Ottumwa Road, between 130th and 140th Roads, due to a tube collapse. A temporary repair will be made to get the roadway re-opened to through traffic, with a permanent tube replacement and sloping of banks to take place at a later date.**

**Commissioner Tim Collins said the first district road crew is working to complete a tube replacement on Ash Point Road, north of 240th Road.**

**Discussion was held on needed repairs to Monument Road, south of Wathena, where the roadway is sloughing off creating hazardous road conditions in proximity to the Missouri River. Commissioners were in agreement to contact Schwab-Eaton Engineers for a proposal to assess the road and formulate a plan for permanent repairs.**

**Commissioner Gieger also discussed necessary repair work needed on 250th and Peck Roads where the creek channel is cutting out the roadway.**

**Following an executive session, the Commission approved the hiring of two individuals to fill vacancies in the county road and bridge department.**

**Jeff Alfrey was hired as a full-time laborer/operator in the 1st road district and Michael Carpenter as a full-time laborer/operator in the 2nd road district. Both were hired at a salary of \$13.50 an hour, subject to pre-employment screening.**