New Doniphan Co Aging Director hired (KNZA)--A new Doniphan County Aging Director has been hired.

Following an executive session, the Doniphan County Commission voted unanimously Monday to hire Diana Crouse-Johnson to fill the full-time position.

Crouse-Johnson is to begin work March 22 at a salary of \$32,000. Upon completion of a 90-day probationary period, her salary will increase of \$35,000.

Joi Davies has been serving as interim aging director.

In other business, County Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce informed commissioners there are currently four active COVID-19 cases in Doniphan County.

Pierce said the Health Department has administered 960 primary COVID vaccines and 360 booster vaccines.

She said all school personnel should be vaccinated by March 11.

The Health Department is currently operating under phase 2 of the state's vaccination plan, whereby high contract criticial workers can receive the vaccine.

Almost all county residents 65 years of age or older who wanted the vaccine have been vaccinated, as well as health care workers.

Once all those eligible in Phase 2 have received the vaccine, Pierce said it may be necessary for the Health Department to halt administration of the COVID-19 vaccine until the state of Kansas moves to phase 3.

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