

Labette County Board of Commissioners

August 7, 2023

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 7, 2023, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Cole J. Proehl, Present, Vincent B. Schibi, Present, Terry Weidert, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and County Clerk Gena Landis.

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from The Labette Avenue.

Board of Canvassers – 9:01 a.m.

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:01 a.m. and convened the Board of Canvassers to canvass the Special Election of August 1, 2023.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed the vote count of 638, which were counted through the DS450 Ballot Scanner. Election Clerk Tracy Carnahan revealed the reasons for the eight provisional ballots; all eight provisional ballots were counted.

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis left the meeting at 9:10 a.m. to run provisional ballots, and Deputy Clerk Lorrie Boulware took minutes.

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Canvassers and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 9:12 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of July 31, 2023. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

JJA Building

Commissioners discussed the renovation being done at the Juvenile Justice building.

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis returned to the Commission meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Executive Session

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with our attorney, a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. To protect the privilege and the board's position (in litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 9:31 a.m. in the commission room.

Grant Application

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the KDHE Workforce Development Grant Application in the amount of \$118,855.35. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Board of Canvassers Convened

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Commissioners at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened the Board of Canvassers. The provisional ballots were added to the totals bringing the grand total of votes cast to 648. Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on the 2023 Special election Abstract. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Canvassers at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners.

Moratorium

Commissioners discussed a proposed moratorium adding solar and other energy projects to an existing moratorium. There was much discussion and comments from local entities and other interested parties. Commissioners agreed to table the discussion and no action was taken.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for six minutes and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.

Floodplain Presentation

Emergency Manager/Sanitation Officer Charles Morse gave commissioners a brief overview of some of the changes to the new floodplain map.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting in the breakroom and reconvened in the commission room at 11:04 a.m.

Executive Session

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis, for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 11:28 a.m. in the commission room.

Attorney Position Transfer

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to increase the Legal Assistant II position from a Range 16 step C, \$16.56 to a Range 20 step C, \$19.30. It was noted that this employee does a decent job of clocking in and out. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to increase and change the position of the Legal Assistant III position to Chief Legal Assistant and Victim/Witness Advocate position and change from a Range 17 step E, \$17.86 to a Range 21 step E, \$20.92. It was noted that this employee needs to do a better job of clocking in and out. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m., until 9:00 a.m. Monday, August 14, 2023.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert