

Labette County Board of Commissioners
August 12, 2019

Convene

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2019 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor.

Media present

Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue and Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Labette County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan – Public Hearing

Chairman T. Douglas Allen opened the hearing for the Labette County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan at 9:00 a.m. for public or Commission comment. There was no public comment. Chairman Allen closed the hearing at 9:02 a.m.

Resolution No. 2019-20-L – Labette County Neighborhood Plan

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to sign and adopt Resolution No. 2019-20-L a resolution confirming the Labette County, Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Plan pursuant to Resolution 2019-18-L. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (No), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Judicial Center Update

Custodial Engineer Chris Lahey talked to Commissioners about the estimate from CDL for fixing the inner drain basins at the Judicial Center; CDL had quoted him a price of \$1,842 (parts) plus labor to fix three drains. Commissioners requested that Chris go ahead and have CDL fix all six drains instead of just the three with known problems. Chris also informed Commissioners that he had contacted Commercial Glass, Joplin regarding the Judicial Center windows. They were going to get measurements of the windows and then give him a quote for just a standard commercial window (aluminum frame with glass that does not open). When Chris receives the window quote, he will present it to the Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of August 05, 2019 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Oswego Neighborhood Revitalization Plan – Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Oswego Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Interlocal Agreement between the City of Oswego and Labette County, Kansas. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Tax Sale

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson informed Commissioners that he would like to formally start the next Tax Sale after the first of September; it would include the years of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

WIC Start Up Contract

Health Administrator Lisa Hoppock talked to Commissioners about Labette County administering the WIC Program; Cherokee County was assuming this responsibility but due to a large turnover in staff they did not feel they could continue those duties until they have properly trained their new staff. Lisa stated that the Health Department would not need to hire additional personnel but would need to contract with a Dietitian which will be paid for by WIC.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a contract between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Labette County, Kansas as the Board of Health for administering the WIC Program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children). T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes) Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Region 7 LEPC Award

Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse stopped in to show Commissioners the Outstanding LEPC Award plaque that the Labette County, Kansas Local Emergency Planning Committee received at the Region 7 LEPC Emergency Planning and Response Conference on August 9, 2019 at Omaha, Nebraska. (Region 7 covers eight states.)

2020 Labette County Budget

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve for publication and setting the Public Hearing for the Labette County 2020 Budget for Monday, August 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission Room located at the Labette County Courthouse, Oswego; this will set the County's mill levy for 2020 at 61.635 (this is less than the 2019 mill levy of 61.639). T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

2020 Labette County Special District Budget

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve for publication and setting the Public Hearing for the Labette County Special Districts for the 2020 Budget for Monday, August 26, 2019 at 10:05 a.m. The Special Districts include the following: Neosho Drainage District, Labette No. 9 Fire District, Edna Elm Grove Cemetery, Mound Valley Cemetery, Oak Hill Cemetery, Oswego Cemetery, Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Labette Township and Richland Township. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Sun Life Financial – 2020 Renewal Rates

County Clerk Peggy Minor informed Commissioners that the renewal rates for the county provided life insurance and the VSP Vision Plan provided thru Sun Life Financial will be the same as the 2019 rates. The life insurance rates are as follows: Basic Life & AD&D - \$7.40 per month, Dependent Life - \$3.41 per month, Vision – EE \$9.63, Vision – EE/Spouse - \$19.26, Vision – EE/Child(ren) - \$21.18, and EE/Family - \$30.80. No action needed.

Old/Unused Cell Phones – Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl

Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl talked to Commissioners about selling the counties old/unused cell phones for recycling to a company called PackButler Corporation. She stated that around 30 to 40 old cell phones, tablets and MIFI's had been turned into her so far. The top amount that would be received for certain phones was \$25.00 and the lowest was \$1.00. After some discussion Commissioners deferred any action on the subject due to concerns about security and what information may still be on the phones even though they may be wiped clean or had a factory reset.

Sheriff's Department – Live Scan Machine

Sheriff Eichinger informed Commissioners that the Live Scan machine had quit working last week and will need to be replaced; this machine does the electronic fingerprinting. He is estimating somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 depending if the whole machine has to be replaced or just the computer tower. Currently they are having to use ink for the fingerprinting.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Sheriff Darren Eichinger for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:05 a.m.

Dave Oas – Wind Farm Moratorium

Dave Oas met with Commissioners to ask them to impose a one-year moratorium on the development of industrial wind energy (wind farms) within Labette County. Mr. Oas stated that such a moratorium would allow the Commission to adequately research the impacts, both positive and negative, wind farm developments are likely to have on our community. Impartial, accurate and complete data would provide the basis for passing limited zoning regulations in Labette County, that would best protect the rights and wellbeing of all Labette County citizens. Whether or not active negotiations are underway with Labette County property owners, it seems prudent for the commission to consider the likelihood that industrial wind developers are considering projects in Labette County, based on projects currently in place in Allen County (Moran area) and now under constructions in Neosho County (Erie area).

Accounts Payable

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check nos. 18312 thru 18465 in the amount of \$190,490.60. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Public Works – Phone Conference – Loader Tires

Commissioners had a phone conference with Public Works Shop Foreman Mike Myers to discuss the purchase of two tires for the loader at the Quarry.

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to allow the Public Works Department to purchase two used loader Yokohama tires from Purcell Tire at \$,2300 each (\$4,600 total) plus installation. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 19, 2019.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, T. Douglas Allen