

Labette County Board of Commissioners
February 26, 2024

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2024, 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 Deputy County Clerk Lorrie Boulware.

Media Present

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2024. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Fence Issue

Marna George brought a concern before the commissioners regarding a fence issue on her property. The new owner of the adjoining property has built a new fence on the property that Mrs. George considers to be her property. County Counselor Brian Johnson informed Mrs. George that the commissioners cannot set the boundary line and she would need to contact District Court to handle the situation.

911 Recording Equipment

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott requested the chairman's signature on the yearly contract with Equature for the 911 recording equipment. The new contract includes an update of the software and hardware for the equipment which includes all new hardware, software, storage, and archive equipment. It also includes enhanced capacity for recording and transcribing all emergency and non-emergency communications. The contract would be for 5 years with annual payments of \$9,414.47. The first annual payment will be \$11,664.47, which includes the cost of set up and training and will be split between the Dispatch and 911 budgets. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the contract with the enhancements. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Dispatch Employee Range Increase

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott requested a range increase for one of her part-time employees. Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to move the employee from Range 18 Step 3 to Range 19 Step 4 effective the next pay period. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

City of Altamont

Altamont City Superintendent Brad Myers talked to Commissioners about the use of county equipment to chip and seal some city streets and also sidearm mowing of the city lake and lagoon ponds.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Public Works Department to sidearm mow the Altamont City Lake and lagoon ponds and chip and seal approximately four city blocks. The City of Altamont would be using county equipment, Public Work employees hired by the City of Altamont, and this work would be done after normal working hours. The city is responsible for the fuel and equipment maintenance while it was being used; they would also be purchasing all materials used in this process such as rock, etc. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 9:38 a.m.

Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for Taylor and Sydnee Dwyer. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

A discussion was also held concerning updating the countywide plan.

Floodplain Update

Emergency Management Director Charles Morse updated the commissioners on the Floodplain meeting that will be held February 27, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Altamont Park Building in Altamont.

Solid Waste Management Plan

Emergency Management Director Charles Morse updated the commissioners on the Solid Waste Management Plan. The 5 Year Solid Waste Management Plan also needs to be updated. A meeting of the Solid Waste Management Committee will be held on February 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The 5 Year Mitigation Plan has been submitted.

Fire Danger

Emergency Management Director Charles Morse informed the commissioners that the county is in a hazardous/extreme danger situation concerning fire risks. Mr. Morse did not ask for a burn ban but is encouraging extreme caution.

Emergency Management Updates

Emergency Management Director Charles Morse gave an update on the radios and the storm spotter training that will be held in Altamont. He also gave an update on the LEPC meeting, and the Local Emergency Operations Plan work being done by Fred Rinne.

Surplus Property

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to declare three copiers as surplus property and be sold on Purple Wave. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Rural Hospital Innovation Grant Application

Labette Health President and CEO Brian Williams and Labette Health Chief Operating Officer/Vice President Christina Sykes presented the commissioners with an application for a Rural Hospital Innovation Grant. The grant would be used for updates at the Labette Health campus in Independence, Kansas. Mr. Williams discussed the benefits of the grant and also rural health care. Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to support the application submission. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Further discussion will be held if the grant is awarded to Labette Health.

Accounts Payable 2023

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 33599 through 33601 in the amount of \$3,987.50 payable from the 2023 Budget. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable 2024

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 33496 through 33598 in the amount of \$804,865.64 payable from the 2024 Budget. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Bid Opening

The commissioners had a discussion concerning the bid opening to be held on March 11, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Attest

Deputy County Clerk, Lorrie Boulware

Chairman, Terry Weidert