

Labette County Board of Commissioners
January 25, 2021

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 25, 2021 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, Brian C. Kinzie, Present, Cole J. Proehl, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021 as submitted. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes),

LCC Update

Mark Watkins, LCC President and Rod Landrum, Chairman LCC Board of trustees, gave Commissioners an update on college business as well as how COVID-19 issues are being handled.

Great Plains Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates

Park Director Brad Reams, Project Manager Becky Dantic, and Property Manager Tim Peoples gave Commissioners updates on, property, road repairs and infrastructure.

Court Security Discussion

Sheriff Darren Eichinger and Commissioners discussed possible changes in court security at the Judicial Center.

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, Sheriff Darren Eichinger, Undersheriff Clifford Davis, and County Clerk Gena Landis, for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:32 a.m.

Additional Deputy

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to allow Sheriff Darren Eichinger to hire an additional deputy for court security, payable from the County General Fund. The new deputy will be hired in at a Range 17 unless or until academy training has been completed, then the pay range will be a Range 19. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to allow Sheriff Darren Eichinger to purchase a vehicle and the necessary equipment for the additional deputy position. See Exhibit A. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Office of Sheriff
Labette County
718 5th Street
Oswego, Kansas 67356



Exhibit A
Darren Eichinger
Sheriff
Clifford Davis
Undersheriff

COST TO-OUTFIT ONE OFFICER

1. Body camera	\$1500.00
2. Gun Rack	\$300.00
3. Radios	\$6000.00
4. Uniforms	\$450.00
5. Glock 19	\$420.00
6. Holster	\$120.00
7. Belt duty	\$100.00
8. Under belt	\$50.00
9. Boots	\$150.00
10. Badge	\$120.00
11. Body Armor	\$700.00
12. Vehicle W/equipment	\$34,000
13. Gross pay	\$57,593
14. Tasar X26 & holster	\$1,380.00
Total Cost	\$102,893.00

CDBG-CV

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to authorize the release of \$30,102.97 and authorize the Chairman's signature on CDBG-CV payment for Nash Services, Ashley's Daycare, Holmes Barber Shop, Brenda Yarnell, Mom's Best, Shaffer's Tax & Accounting, Ragedy Ann & Andy, and Parsons Pet Hospital. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

SPARK

Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore and Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski, discussed details of the SPARK extension and possible transfer of funds to various programs.

Emergency Management and Rural Fire Department Discussion

Emergency Management Director Charles Morse, Bartlett Hackberry Fire, Perry Sorrell, Oswego Fire Department, John Eck, and Chetopa Fire, Brian Midgett, discussed the rural fire departments need of an air trailer in the county. Mr. Morse also discussed that the Health Department will need to purchase, hard surface chairs for their lobby, and a new vaccine cooler from SPARK funds.

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to accept the quote for a new Breathing Air System Mobile Air & Light Trailer, from First Due, Bartlett, KS, for \$88,320.00 paid for out of SPARK funds. This trailer will be shared and available for all fire departments in the county, and Emergency Management will own and be responsible for maintenance, paid for out of the Emergency Management County General Fund. This purchase is necessary due to the dangers the fire departments face during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to allow Emergency Management and the Health Department to purchase masks, chairs, and a vaccine cooler for \$24,058.80 from SPARK funds. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Amended Motion

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to amend his earlier motion to purchase the Breathing Air System Mobile Air & Light Trailer for a corrected amount of \$93,320.00. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Septic System Variance

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to grant a 45-day septic system variance, due to system failure, at 16002 Lyons Rd, Altamont, KS 67330. Closing date is January 29, 2021. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (No), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Additional SPARK Discussion

Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore and Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski, had additional SPARK discussion with Commissioners. It was decided that \$60,000.00 would be transferred from the County portion to the Business Development Program for six businesses that have not received past SPARK funding.

Social Distancing During Commission Meetings

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to put Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie in charge of maintaining social distancing during Commission meetings. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (No).

Accounts Payable - 2020

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers, 23393 through 23398 and 23403 through 23438 in the amount of \$59,818.96 for 2020 expenditures. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes) Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Accounts Payable – 2021

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 23105 through 23202 in the amount of \$315,686.29 for 2021 expenditures. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting to inspect a bridge at 12:13 p.m., and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

RWE Renewables Discussion

Commissioners met with Brandon Hernandez from RWE Renewables in Austin, TX, to discuss details regarding development of a wind farm in the southwest portion of Labette County. Commissioners asked several questions of Mr. Hernandez regarding setbacks, environmental concerns, road maintenance agreements, decommissioning, and MET Towers.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2021.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis