

Labette County Board of Commissioners
July 19, 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 July 19, 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, and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021, as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Resolution No. 2021-34-L

Emergency Manager Charles Morse discussed signing a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Labette County. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Labette County. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Neosho County Rural Water Dist. #4

Ron Giefer, Neosho County Water Dist. #4, spoke with Commissioners about projects and requested funds through ARPA.

City of Bartlett – Street Project

Doug Ramey, City of Bartlett Mayor, met with Commissioners to request an estimate for street repair within the City as well as possible culvert clean out.

Granite Government Solutions

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl met with Commissioners to discuss the next phase of switching phone lines to Granite Government Solutions. Commissioners spoke with Andre Vidal, via phone, to ask some specific questions. County Counselor Brian K. Johnson requested a new contract that would comply with the Kansas Cash Basis Law.

Railroad Permit

Galen and Sandy Manners with Wave Wireless, met with Commissioners to discuss the Fiber to the Home Project that has been started in the County. They are having difficulty getting a permit to cross the SKOL Railroad on 14,700 Road and requested assistance with the permitting. The Manners will get a list of possible crossings and will get with mapping to start the process of getting a Resolution.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for seven minutes, and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Wind Farm Comment

Labette County resident Josh Ghering spoke to Commissioners about his concern with a potential wind farm complex being built in Labette County. Mr. Ghering asked for an eighteen-month moratorium.

Executive Session

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with our attorney, a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. Protect the privilege and the board's position (in litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes) Cole J. Proehl (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:05 a.m.

Budget Meeting

Commissioners agreed that they would meet in special session on July 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to work on the 2022 budget and sign the RNR Resolution.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis