

Labette County Board of Commissioners May 31, 2022

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2022 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, Cole J. Proehl, 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 Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2022 as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2022 as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Step Increase

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to allow Public Works Director Sandy Krider to hire a perspective employee, with a Class A CDL with Haz-mat, at a Range 17 Step F, \$18.20 per hour. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Health Department Storm Shelter

Health Department Director Lisa Scott informed the commissioners that their department had received a \$7,200.00 grant to be used to purchase a storm shelter. She received a proposal from Midwest Storm Shelters, LLC for a 4'X9'X6'5" bolt together steel safe room at a cost of \$8,110.25. This room would shelter 15 to 18 people and would be located in an office that is no longer being used and is easily accessed from the lobby. A smaller safe room is also available that could be fully purchased with the grant funds but it would only shelter 9 people. Commissioner Addis asked if the shelter could also be used as a safe room. Mrs. Scott said that she had been told that it could be used for both a storm shelter and a safe room. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize Mrs. Scott to purchase the larger safe room using the funds provided by the grant and the excess amount to be paid out of the Health Department capital outlay funds. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Health Department Water Leak Repair

Health Department Director Lisa Scott reported that on February 22, 2022 a water leak occurred in the building from a broken water line on the refrigerator. Chris Wilson from Wilson's Cleaning and Restoration was able to remove the water from the carpets. He also removed sheetrock, insulation and vinyl cove base that had been damaged by the water to reduce mold. Mrs. Scott presented two quotes for the replacement of the damaged materials: Connelly Painting & Home Improvements for \$4,800.00; Schibi Construction LLC for \$6,400.00. Terry Weidert made a motion for her to contact both companies about a time frame for when the work could begin and go with the company that could start the quickest. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Monkeypox Update

Health Department Director Lisa Scott informed the commissioners about the number of confirmed cases of monkeypox in the United States. She also stated that the smallpox vaccination also works for monkeypox. They continue to see some people coming in for COVID booster shots.

Air Truck Discussion

Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse brought a request from Dan Romine, Treasurer of the Kansas State Firefighters Association concerning the retired air truck that was used by the local volunteer fire departments. The Kansas State Firefighters Association conducts monthly regional fire training at no cost to local departments. They are asking that Labette County donate the air truck to be used as salvage components to assist them in their training. Originally the air truck was to be sold through Purple Wave. Cole J. Proehl made a motion to donate the air truck to the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Solid Waste Management Plan

Emergency Management Director/Sanitation Officer Charlie Morse informed the commissioners that the Solid Waste Management Plan has been approved.

Sewer District Advisory Committee

Emergency Management Director/Sanitation Officer Charlie Morse gave an update of the Sewer District Advisory Committee meeting. They plan to meet on site with Pat LaForge within 10 to 15 days to discuss the needed equipment and repairs. They will then put the project out for bids. Mr. Morse suggested that a third-party inspector be used. The commissioners have agreed to use some of the ARPA funds to help with the project but Commissioner Addis made it known that they will stay within or below the amount allocated. It was requested that Mr. Morse keep the commission updated on the committee meetings. It was also requested that Mr. Morse monitor the water projects around the county that are using ARPA funds.

Solid Waste Committee

Emergency Management Director/Sanitation Office Charlie Morse informed the commissioners that the cost of solid waste disposal will go from \$38.78/ton to \$40.00/ton. This 3.1% increase will be in effect for 6 months beginning on June 1, 2022.

Payroll

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following check: Payroll check number 1726 in the amount of \$2,210.45 and Direct Deposit numbers 822149 through 822273 in the amount of \$286,485.41 for a total amount of \$288,695.86. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 27842 through 27881 in the amount of \$366,741.41. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Windfarm Discussion

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl opened a discussion concerning RWE and the windfarm. He feels the commission needs to contact them to see where things stand. Commissioner Addis suggested that the county needed to engage an attorney but the cash reserves are low. Commissioner Weidert will reach out to a lawyer to represent the county.

Citizen Comments

There were several citizen comments concerning the wind farms and RWE.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2022.

Attest

Deputy County Clerk, Lorrie Boulware

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis