

Labette County Board of Commissioners November 13, 2023

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2023, 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 County Clerk Gena Landis.

Media Present

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

Approval of Minutes

Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of October 31, 2023. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds Ray Scales met with commissioners about the need to close his office at 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2023 due to staff being out of the courthouse.

Closing of Courthouse – Year End Audit Purposes

Commissioners agreed to close the Labette County Courthouse to the public at noon on December 29, 2023 for Year End Auditing purposes.

Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement – Hight Appraisal Service

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and Hight Appraisal Service; their fee of \$225.00 has been paid. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

KnowInk Quote

County Clerk Gena Landis spoke with Commissioners about the need to purchase new election PollPads due to the iPads being out of date and unable to receive IOS updates from Apple. The quote for purchase of twenty-three PollPads and printers was \$22,070.00. The quote for a three-year lease purchase was \$23,054.40 total with three payments annually of \$7,754.80 the first year and \$7,649.80 the next two years. Commissioners approved the three-year lease purchase quote.

Executive Session

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the security of a public body or agency, public building or the information system thereof. To avoid jeopardizing the security of the public body or agency, public building or the information system. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, County Clerk Gena Landis, and Mike Meyer from Higher Calling for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 9:29 a.m. in the commission room.

Security Software

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve Higher Calling Technologies to add additional security software to our existing account in the amount of \$510.90 per month. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Emergency Management Update

Emergency Manager Charles Morse met with commissioners to update them on the new 800 MHz radios that will be tested in the county, as well as an additional option for vehicle repeaters. Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Morse to check and see if the current grant application can be amended to allow the purchase of in vehicle repeaters. Commissioners also agreed to continue to enforce water well permits.

Sewer District #1

Emergency Manager Charles Morse also discussed an issue that was discovered during the Sewer District #1 project. A damaged wet well was discovered, that was not part of the project. Mr. Morse had the contract company complete repairs on it. The \$3,650.00 to repair it will be paid out of the Sewer District #1 Maintenance fund #318.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Insurance Renewal

Commissioners met with Bukaty Company representatives Stephen Euston and Cortny Hutchinson to discuss options for the 2024 health insurance contract. Commissioners agreed to go with the contract offered by Blue Cross Blue shield of Kansas. The budget amount for employee health insurance is \$578.00 per employee per month.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to accept the renewal as presented by Bukaty Company with final renewal numbers. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl added an amendment to his motion, raising employee health premiums for all tiers by \$25.00 effective January 2024. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 32474 through 32615 in the amount of \$302,183.42. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with our attorney, a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. To protect the privilege and the board's position (in litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:41 a.m. in the commission room.

Inmate Housing

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve an increase in housing Labette County inmates to \$50.00 per day and authorize the chairman's signature on an agreement with the City of Parsons, Kansas. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 20, 2023.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert