

Labette County Board of Commissioners September 26, 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 September 26, 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 County Clerk Gena Landis.

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 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).

Commissioner Electronic Devices

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to restrict commissioner from using electronic devices, such as phones and laptops, during commissioner meetings, and to authorize the purchase of an atomic clock for the commission room, payable out of County General Courthouse fund. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (No), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Benefit District

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve a Benefit District for chip and seal to the Cowboy Church on Ottawa Road, and have Public Works get a cost estimate to for work done during the first or second quarter of 2023. This will be paid for by the Cowboy Church. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Audit Discussion with Rodney Burns, Auditor

Auditor Rodney Burns gave Commissioners an update on the 2021 Labette County Audit.

Audit Engagement Letter – 2022

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Audit Engagement Letter with Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC to audit the 2022 fiscal year at a cost of \$21,250.00 plus any direct costs. This is the same amount the county paid for the 2021 audit. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Engagement Letter with Rodney M. Burns, LLC to assist the county with budget preparation at a cost of \$1,400.00 plus any out-of-pocket expenses. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis 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.) Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Auditor Rodney Burns for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 9:34 a.m. in the commission room.

Broadband Feasibility Study

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore gave a brief update on the Broadband Feasibility Study, that was paid for from ARPA funds.

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:10 a.m. in the commission room.

Mid-Year Ratio Report

Appraiser DeLinda White gave commissioners an update on the county's Mid-year Ration Report.

Great Plains Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates

Park Director Brad Reams, and Office Manager Kim Bogner, spoke to the Commissioners regarding economic development in the park. They also requested the 1.2 million dollars of ARPA money that the Commissioners had set aside.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve and release the 1.2 million dollars from ARPA that was budgeted earlier in the year. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Abstain).

Jury Duty Fees

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Jury Duty Fee check numbers 902532 through 902582 in the amount of \$1,866.42. Terry Weidert 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 28869 through 28980 in the amount of \$1,183,410.88. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Longevity Pay

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve longevity pay to the Appraiser without an evaluation. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Abstain), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 30, 2022.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis