

Labette County Board of Commissioners September 30, 2019

Convene

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 30, 2019 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor.

Media present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019 as submitted. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Dave Oas – Industrial Wind Projects

Labette County resident Dave Oas talked to Commissioners about the Industrial Wind Projects proposed in Labette County, Southeast Kansas. This was just an informative session. Mr. Oas presented the Commissioners with a list of ten questions that they needed to be aware of or take into consideration when discussing the Wind Farm Projects and a paper from Neosho Ridge Wind concerning Property Values. Some of the topics Mr. Oas discussed with Commissioners were: where is the corporate headquarters of the developer located; will Labette County residents directly receive benefits from the energy produced by the proposed project; does the developer intend to own and operate the finished project or will it likely be sold; will the general terms of the lease agreements (minus any monetary information) be made available to the public; who is liable for any death, injury or damage resulting from component failure once the project is operational; and how will the projects affect Property Values.

Chairman Allen stated that the Commissioners need to balance the equities, the potential income for property owners and economic development versus the negative impact on the non-participating landowners. Commissioner Addis added that the county is just beginning their fact finding; regardless of which direction the Commission go, they want to know what they are getting into.

Accounts Payable

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check nos. 18838 thru 18882 in the amount of \$397,405.52. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Payroll

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Payroll check nos. 1682 thru 1684 in the amount of \$5,102.66 and Direct Deposit nos. 818205 thru 818326 in the amount of \$254,941.50 for a total amount of \$260,044.16. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

GPDA – New GPDA/GPIP Park Director

GPDA/LRA Chairman Bob Wood introduced Brad Reams as the new Park Director for GPDA/GPIP. Mr. Reams was formerly the City Administrator for the city of Frontenac. Mr. Reams talked about his qualifications and experience for the position to the Commissioners.

Wood Dulohery Insurance – Dividend Check

Bob Wood from Wood-Dulohery Insurance also presented Commissioners with a dividend check from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$4,241.38. The dividend check is for the period of August, 2018 to August, 2019;

EMC's Kansas County Safety Dividend Group (21 Kansas counties that EMC insures) will share the developed dividend of \$81,659.11. Each member's dividend is calculated based upon not individual losses but on group experience as a whole. Dividend amounts for each member reflects their percentage of earned premium to the group's premium. Labette County's share is 5.16% of the 2018-2019 Dividend.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). The only other one present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:03 a.m.

Work Session

Commissioners recessed in to a work session at 11:13 a.m. so they could tour various roads within the county. The regular session reconvened at 3:31 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 07, 2019.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, T. Douglas Allen