

Labette County Board of Commissioners September 30, 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 September 30, 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 September 27, 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).

Department Head Discussion

Commissioners asked to meet with Department Heads about employee recruitment and retention ideas. There were several solutions discussed, and Department Heads were asked to create a committee to meet with Commissioners to discuss it further.

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to authorize the 2022 three percent plus one range increase, effective with the October pay period. This increase includes salary and hourly employees, and excludes the County Attorney's office. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Ice Machine Purchase

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to allow the courthouse to purchase a new ice machine, payable out of the county general, courthouse fund. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Design Group Architects Ltd.

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a contract between Design Group Architects Ltd. and Labette County, payable out of fund 001-054-3800, Capital Outlay County General. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Evergy Discussion

Public Works Director Sandy Krider, Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George, and Commissioners met with Evergy representatives, Jake Tesar, Jessica Keck and Chris Carey, to discuss Evergy electric poles that are located in the County right of way. The Evergy representatives agreed to meet at the site in question to come to a satisfactory resolution.

Granite Discussion

Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl, updated Commissioners on the status of the Granite roll-over of county phone lines. Commissioners authorized Ms. Grassl to move forward with the project.

APCO Declaration of Candidacy

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on a Declaration of Candidacy for APCO Board Treasurer for Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Payroll

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Payroll check number 1717 in the amount of \$2,614.05 and Direct Deposit numbers 821184 through 821304 in the amount of \$295,659.04 for a total amount of \$298,273.09. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 25618 through 25644 in the amount of \$354,858.84. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

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 11:53 p.m.

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioners agreed to cancel the meeting for October 4th, 2021.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Attest

County Clerk Gena Landis

Chairman Lonie R. Addis