

Labette County Board of Commissioners
March 25, 2024

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 25, 2024, 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 Preble from The Labette Avenue.

Board of Canvassers – 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:03 a.m. and convened the Board of Canvassers to canvass the Presidential Preference Primary Election of March 19, 2024. The Board of Canvassers confirmed the ballot count of 933, which were counted through the DS450 Ballot Scanner. Election Clerk Tracy Carnahan revealed the reasons for the eleven provisional ballots; six complete provisional ballots were counted.

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Canvassers and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 9:20 a.m.

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis left the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to run provisional ballots, and Deputy Clerk Lorrie Boulware took minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis returned to the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 33749 through 33837 in the amount of \$257,774.32. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Board of Canvassers Convened

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Commissioners at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened the Board of Canvassers. The provisional ballots were added to the totals bringing the grand total of votes cast to 943. Commissioners then signed the election abstract.

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Canvassers at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for ten minutes, and reconvened at 9:54 a.m. County Clerk Gena Landis left the meeting at 9:44 a.m. to run payroll, and Deputy Clerk Lorrie Boulware took minutes.

Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on an interlocal agreement with the City of Parsons for a water line that will connect the water system of the City of Parsons with the water system in the Great Plains Industrial Park. A portion of the water line requires permission from Labette County to be located in the county road right of way. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Public Hearing – Labette County Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan

Chairman Terry Weidert opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for public comment on the Labette County Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan. No public comment was presented so the hearing was closed at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to adopt the Five-Year Solid Waste Management Plan for Labette County as submitted and authorized the Board of Commissioners to sign and adopt Resolution 2024-13-L. A copy of said Plan will be kept on file at the Labette County Clerk's Office as well as the Labette County Health Department. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Labette County Sewer District No 1 ARPA Project

Emergency Management Director/Sanitation Officer Charles Morse informed the commissioners that the ARPA project for Labette County Sewer District No 1 has been completed. There are some ARPA funds that were designated for the project that weren't used. Commissioner Weidert asked Mr. Morse to contact Laura Moore to confirm the amount of the excess funds. Jim Zaleski and Laura Moore can meet with the commissioners at a later date to designate the funds for another use.

Emergency Management Updates

Emergency Management Director Charles Morse updated the commissioners on the LEPC meeting to be held on March 28th at 10:00 a.m. He also let them know that the lettering on the emergency management trailer needs to be repaired or replaced.

Citizen Comment

There was a comment from a citizen concerning the notification for the hearing that was held earlier in the meeting for the Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan. The notification policy was explained.

Project Discussion

A discussion was held with a student from Pittsburg State University who was in attendance for the meeting. She is working on a project for one of her classes concerning mental health resources. She gave the commissioners an overview of her project and discussed her concerns from her perspective as an ER nurse. The commissioners encouraged her to explore grant options and also the possibility of a multi county initiative. It was also suggested that she research programs that are already being implemented to get ideas. The commissioners asked that she update them when her project is complete.

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioners agreed to cancel the commission meeting for April 1, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 29, 2024.

Attest

Deputy County Clerk, Lorrie Boulware

Chairman, Terry Weidert