

Labette County Board of Commissioners September 12, 2016

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 12, 2016 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present; Jack W. Martin, Present; Fred E. Vail, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Fred Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor.

Media present

Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue and Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve prior minutes dated August 31, 2016 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Range Increase

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion, on a one time only basis, to increase the starting Range of an Office Clerk in the Labette County Clerk's Office from a Range 9 to a Range 10. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

CA\$H IDA

Labette County Assistance Center Coordinator Lee Ann Spencer met with Commissioners to discuss the CA\$H (Creating Assets, Savings & Hope) IDA (Individual Development Account) program administered through Interfaith Housing in Hutchinson. Lorna Moore from Interfaith Housing Services, Inc. in Hutchinson presented the main presentation through a phone conference with Commissioners. The IHS provides the education, resources, support and encouragement for (1) First-time Home Purchase (2) Owner-Occupied Home Repair, (3) Post-Secondary Education and (4) Small Business Capitalization. The Kansas IDA Program is a 2:1 matched-savings program for low to moderate income Kansas households to achieve financial self-sufficiency by teaching new habits of financial responsibility through education and asset building. Eligible households must be permanent residents of Kansas, have earned income from employment and have household income below 200% federal property guidelines and asset limitations. The applicant must complete a Financial Education course available on-line and four other Life Skills Workshops. After the Financial Education course is completed they are required to meet with a counselor regarding financial responsibility; they are then required to open a savings account at one of the participating local financial institutions.

The savings money that IHS matches for the client comes from donations for 75% State of Kansas Tax Credit; the Department of Commerce allocates \$500,000 to Interfaith Housing Services each year. IHS also receives donations from individuals that are going to be paying taxes in exchange for a tax credit so if someone donates a \$1,000 to the Kansas Individual Development Account Program they are going to receive a 75% tax credit. What that means is 75% or \$750 of their donation is going to be deducted from any State taxes that they owe in Kansas; if they do not owe any taxes in Kansas then that amount is going to be refunded to them. For households that are in a 30% tax bracket or more – they are actually making money on these because they get to deduct the entire \$1,000 from their federal tax return.

The Emergency Repair or Accessibility Modification (ER/AM) Program provides qualifying homeowners a 3:1 match of the homeowners' savings up to \$2,000. This gives them a maximum of \$8,000 for an Emergency Repair or Accessibility Modification of their home.

Executive Session

Chairman 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), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Others present were County Counselor Fred Johnson and Public Works Director Sandy Krider for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:00 a.m.

Wood-Dulohery Insurance – Update of Insurance Program

Bob Wood from Wood-Dulohery Insurance presented Labette County with a dividend check of \$11,355.63 from EMC Insurance – Kansas County Safety Dividend Group. The dividend check covers the period of August 2015 to August 2016 with each member of the Group sharing the developed dividend of \$292,446. Each member's dividend is calculated based upon not individual losses but on group experience as a whole. Dividend amounts for each member reflected their percentage of earned premium to the group's premium. Labette County's dividend was for 3.86% of the 2015-2016 Dividend total.

America's Choice Healthplans - Amendment No. 3

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on an Amendment No. 3 Claims Administration Agreement between America's Choice Healthplans, LLC and Labette County modifying the effective date of the Agreement from January 1, 2017 and continuing to December 31, 2018 and changing the amount to \$4.20 Per Employee Per Month for Claims Administrative Service Fees. Jack W. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Engineering Service Fee – Bridge No. 183

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the Commissioners' signatures on a Construction Inspection Agreement between Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers P.A. and Labette County for County Bridge No. 183 in the amount of \$18,000 payable from the Special Bridge Fund. Jack W. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Out of State Travel – Four Corners Emergency Management Conference

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the following four individuals to attend the Four Corners Emergency Management Conference in Branson, Missouri on December 7, 8 and 9, 2016: Brandy Grassl, Sandy Krider, Debbie Baugher and Charlie Morse. Jack W. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Emergency Management Director Brandy Grassl informed Commissioners that Labette County's Emergency Management Performance Grant Application for 2016 had been approved in the amount \$16,868. Funds should hopefully be received by the end of 2016.

Great Plains – OEA Grant Application

GPDA Chairman Dan Peterson discussed with Commissioners the Office of Economic Adjustment Planning Grant 10 Assistance Proposal for the Great Plains Development Authority for Grant Year – October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017. Mr. Peterson stated that OEA is requesting a letter of support from the City of Parsons and Labette County before September 16, 2016. Commissioners agreed to compile a letter of support today to send to Patrick O'Brien for the OEA Grant Application.

Labette County Plat Books

Commissioner Jack W. Martin made a motion to approve the purchase of twenty-five (25) additional County Plat books from Mapping Solutions for the amount of \$515 payable from the General Fund – Courthouse Department; the plat book will be updated in 2017. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

ATCi Labette County Online Parcel Hosting

County Appraiser DeLinda White presented the Commissioners with a proposal for an ATCi Labette County Online Parcel Hosting from Allied Technical Consultants, Inc. at a cost of \$2,500 per year. Some of the features of the Online Hosting would be unlimited access to Parcels Online, Parcels to be joined via web link to CIC Appraisal Portal, Web link to CIC Property Tax Information, Specific Layers can be turned on and off per Login System, Parcels can be updated through FTP or Remote Login and Parcels can be tied to CRS download for

nightly/weekly updates. Commissioners requested that Ms. White get a copy of the contract/agreement and have County Counselor review it before any action is taken.

Appraisal 2016 Compliance Review

County Appraiser DeLinda White presented the Commissioners with Labette County's 2016 Compliance Review from the Kansas Department of Revenue; said report had an Overall Score of 84.7 out of Total Possible 91.7. Labette County has met the criteria and is determined to be in substantial compliance.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check nos. 8589 thru 8695 in the amount of \$283,000.97. Jack W. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Jack W. Martin (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Work Session

Commissioners recessed into work session at 12:38 p.m. to compile a letter to Patrick J. O'Brien, Office of Economic Adjustment, in support of the OEA Planning Grant 10 for the Great Plains Development Authority.

Reconvene

Commissioners reconvened into regular session at 3:45 p.m. to sign the letter of support to Patrick J. O'Brien in support of the OEA Planning Grant 10 for the Great Plains Development Authority.

Work Session

Commissioners recessed into work session at 3:50 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 5:04 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 19, 2016.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis