

## **Labette County Board of Commissioners July 24, 2017**

### **Convene**

Chairman Fred E. Vail called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 24, 2017 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, 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 T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve prior minutes dated July 17, 2017 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve prior minutes dated July 19, 2017 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve prior minutes dated July 21, 2017 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Labette County Fair Board – 2018 Budget**

Rod Landrum, Rick McKinzie and John J. Bebb from the Labette County Fair Board talked to Commissioners about the projects they finished this past year and the upcoming Fund Raising Campaign for the Horse Barn Project costing approximately \$197,500; the Fundraising Kickoff for this project started on in May, 2017 with the construction starting in March 2018. Commissioners expressed their appreciation of all the work the Fair Board has done. The Fair Board invited the Commissioners to come and tour the Fair on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and then eat lunch. Commissioners plan on touring the Fair at that time. The Fair Board also invited the Public Works employees to attend the rodeo Wednesday night in appreciation of the work they provide during fair time; a list of names will be at the Fair Office. The Fair appropriation for 2018 should remain the same as 2017.

### **Phone Accounts Updates**

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl talked to Commissioners about phone service at the Sheriff's Department, Court Services and the Courthouse. The 421 lines for the Sheriff's Department have been canceled saving around \$700 per month; the Court Services two phone lines (421-1401 and 421-1414) have been redone for a monthly charge of \$95 plus a tablet and unlimited long distance. The public phone in the Courthouse Lobby will be disconnected since the public can have access to a phone thru the lower ADA accessible counters plus many patrons have cell phones they can use to obtain information for their tags, etc. The phones at the Courthouse thru Century Link cost the County around \$40 a line with long distance thru Touchtone at four cents a minute – which is considered reasonable. Ms. Grassl is still in the process of checking out the options on the 421 lines at the Courthouse.

### **Surplus Property – Sheriff's Department**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to declare ten Sturm Ruger Mini 14 .223 Caliber rifles as county surplus property which will then be traded in for AR-15's at Frogley's Gun Shop; serial numbers for the ten Mini 14 rifles are as follows: 184-83114, 184-54858, 184-82671, 184-81214, 184-74969, 184-17815, 185-77160, 184-20561, 184-99406, 184-18127 and 184-21172. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Fred Johnson, Sheriff Darren Eichinger, Undersheriff Clifford Davis, 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl and County Clerk Peggy Minor for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:16 a.m.

### **County Attorney – Office Space Discussion**

County Attorney Stephen Jones talked to Commissioners about different options to enlarge the Attorney's Office in the Judicial Center. Commissioners decided they actually needed to view the area before making a determination. No action taken.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to go into executive for Attorney-client privilege. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis, (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Only other one present was County Counselor Fred Johnson for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:45 a.m.

### **Labette Health – EMS Annual Report**

Labette Health CEO Brian Williams, Chief Financial Officer Tom Macaronas, EMS Chief Randy Grimmett and Human Resources Director Christina Sykes met with Commissioners to discuss the EMS Annual Report.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$473,685.00 from the Ambulance Fund to the Capital Outlay Fund which can only be used for Capital Outlay/Capital Improvements purchases on behalf of the Ambulance Service in Labette County. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the Highway 400/59 Corridor 2017-2027**

County Counselor Fred Johnson discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the Highway 400/59 Corridor 2017-2017 with the Commissioners. There was some discussion about why the residential property was allowed in the plan; Commissioners expressed their concern about this issue and thought they should talk to Jim Zaleski from the City of Parsons.

### **Volunteer Services – Fire Department**

County Counselor brought up the issue of employees serving on Volunteer Fire Departments and how it is handled when employees have to leave work to attend an emergency fire – do they receive their pay while gone or what policy should be used. It was decided that a policy needs to be wrote to handle such situations due to the liability issue – County Counselor will be looking into the issue.

### **Accounts Payable**

Chairman Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable Check nos. 11485 thru 11594 in the amount of \$189,992.38. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Work Session**

Commissioners recessed into a work session at 12:01 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 12:18 p.m.

### **Jim Zaleski – City of Parsons – NRP**

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski talked to Commissioners about the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the Highway 400/59 Corridor 2017-2017. After some discussion it was decided by Commissioners and Mr. Zaleski that the residential section will be taken out of the NRP plan.

**Work Session**

Commissioners recessed into a work session at 12:29 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 3:23 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2017 for a special budget meeting.

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County Clerk Peggy Minor

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Chairman, Fred E. Vail