

Labette County Board of Commissioners October 30, 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 October 30, 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 Brian Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor.

Media present

Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue, Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun and Matt Jordan from KGGF.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve prior minutes dated October 23, 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).

Text-to-911 Update

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl informed Commissioners that the Text-to-911 program will be live on November 2, 2017. Ms. Grassl explained that if a 911 Text is initiated from a person then they can text back; but if the call is closed – they cannot call the number back. She would like for the county to issue another cell phone explicitly for calling the 911 caller back that way 911 Dispatch personnel will not be using their personal cell phone to call the person back. There will be testing done Wednesday, November 1st on the new Text-to-911 system to make sure it works correctly and to locate any potential problems.

Some of the highlights for the new Text-to-911: it is the ability to send SMS text messages to your local 911 call center during an emergency; it should only be used in an emergency and in circumstances when you cannot safely call 911; text in simple words – no slang or abbreviations; messages must be in English at this time if possible, translation for text is not currently available; you must provide your location and nature of assistance needed – police, fire or medical; you cannot send group messages to 911; no pictures, videos, emoticons or emoji's can be accepted at this time; do not end your text call or power off your phone unless the dispatches advises; 911 centers cannot initiate text messages; if text-to-911 has not been implemented in the jurisdiction in which you are located, you will receive a bounce back message advising to place a voice call.

Emergency Management Planning Grant

Ms. Grassl also informed Commissioners that Labette County has been awarded their EMPG Grant in the amount of a little over \$17,000.

Work Order – Emergency Management – Susan Belt

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on Work Order No. 326180041 between Susan Belt, Consultant, and Labette County Emergency Management for 2018 for the annual fee of \$14,200 payable from the General Fund – Emergency Management. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

911 Phone System – Cell Phone

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a suggestion that the Commissioners authorize Ms. Grassl, after the 911-to-Text testing is done, and she thinks it is in the best interest of the county to have that extra cell phone – to authorize her to go ahead and order one. The motion was tabled until after the testing is done on November 1st.

SEK Juvenile Detention Report

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis gave an update on the SEK Juvenile Detention.

Surplus Property – Abandoned Cemetery

Chairman Fred E. Vail made a motion to declare the following truck as surplus property: A-28, a 2003 Ford F-150 Truck, VIN# 1FTRW07653KD30600 with 239,834 miles; said truck will be placed on Purple Wave to be sold. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Abandoned Cemetery Truck

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis stated the newly purchased used truck for Abandoned Cemetery will be paid for as following: \$10,000 from the Special Machinery Fund because this vehicle will be used for the following – dead animal removal, mowing Public Works' lots, remove material from the illegal dump sites and for hauling the skid steer – and the remainder from the Abandoned Cemetery Fund; total purchase price of the truck was \$25,000.

Accounts Payable – Jury Duty Fees

Chairman Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the following checks: Jury Duty check nos. 901141 thru 901189 in the amount of \$1,150.75. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Payroll

Chairman Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the following checks: Payroll check nos. 1615 thru 1617 in the amount of \$4,722.08 and Direct Deposit nos. 815422 thru 815544 in the amount of \$231,273.51 for a total of \$235,995.59. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the following checks: Accounts Payable checks no. 12364 thru 12413 in the amount of \$383,369.99. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

County Clerk - Meeting

County Clerk Peggy Minor left the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Deputy County Clerk Gena Landis acted as County Clerk in her absence.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. T. Douglas Allen 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 Brian K. Johnson for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 12:19 a.m.

Canvass – City/School General Election

Commissioners scheduled the canvass of the City/School General Election for Monday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 06, 2017.

Attest

Deputy County Clerk Gena Landis

Chairman, Fred E. Vail