

Labette County Board of Commissioners November 06, 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 November 06, 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 K. 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 Minutes

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve prior minutes dated October 30, 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).

Christmas Ham or Turkey Gift Certificates

Commissioners agreed to give county employees a \$22.50 gift certificate to be used for a ham or turkey at the local participating merchants; the gift certificates must be used by December 31, 2017.

Closing Courthouse – End of Year

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to close the Labette County Courthouse at noon, Friday, December 29, 2017 in order for the auditor to close the books; if an employee leaves early they must use vacation or be docked the time absent. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Pipe Quotes – Public Works

The following bids were received by the County Commissioners for the pipe quote for the Public Works Department: Metal Culverts Inc. - \$69,612.07, Cleaver Farm & Home - \$72,012.29, Welborn Sales - \$62,607.25, J & J Drainage - \$64,962.55. Commissioners requested that Public Works Director Sandy Krider review the pipe bids and then report back to them later in the meeting her recommendation.

Weather Preparedness

Commissioners, Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Director Ralph George discussed all aspects of the Winter Weather Preparedness for the Labette County roads and buildings. Maps were also given to the Commissioners outlining the motor graders area and the salt trucks area.

Chemical Bids

The following bids were received by the County Commissioners for the chemical quote for the Noxious Weed Department: Van Diest - \$29,432.20, Crop Production Services - \$24,603.20 and Bartlett Coop - \$31,057.80. Chairman Fred E. Vail made a motion to purchase chemicals for the year 2018 from Crop Production Services for the total amount of \$24,603.20; said bid was 20.78 percent less than the other bids. After said chemical purchase is exhausted additional chemicals will be purchased from the Bartlett Coop. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Pipe Bids

Commissioners Lonie R. Addis made a motion to award the pipe bid to Welborn Sales Inc., Salina, Kansas in the amount of \$62,607.25 for various pipes payable from the Special Bridge Fund. Altamont and Oswego have also included their pipe requests in the bid and will reimburse Labette County for said pipe. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Emergency Management Director/Sanitation Officer Charlie Morse – Various Updates

Charlie Morse and Commissioners discussed the Solid Waste Committee and Sewer District No. 1. Commissioners gave Mr. Morse the approval to go ahead and purchase a laptop computer for the Emergency Management position. Mr. Morse told Commissioners that Labette County has been awarded the EMPG Grant in the amount of \$17,034. Charlie Morse, Debbi Baugher and Brandy Grassl will be attending the Four Corners Conference in Branson next week for three days. Mr. Morse was also given the approval to go ahead and purchase a power washer for the Emergency Management trailer.

Mapping Solutions

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Addendum to 2015 Plat Book Services Agreement and Labette County is electing not to help them sell ads but will allow the Appraiser's Office to write a letter saying that they are a legitimate business. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Appraiser – Vehicles

Appraiser DeLinda White also talked to Commissioners about the vehicle maintenance she is having done on a couple of the Field Appraiser's vehicles. It was suggested that she utilize the additional vehicles she already has at the present time and to keep repairing the vehicles.

Text-to-911 - Update

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl reported to Commissioners the results of the Text-to-911 testing done last week. Ms. Grassl stated that everything went fine but the new system gives the tower location only on the text messages; it is not mandatory yet for carriers to initiate this change. Commissioners also gave their approval for Ms. Grassl to purchase a cell phone for the 911 Dispatch just in case a text message is received and dropped; the county issued cell phone will be used to initiate contact with the person who made the dropped text.

SEK Library System

SEK Library System Director Roger Carswell met with Commissioners to inform and discuss the County Appointee to the System Boards of Regional Library System. The county will need to appoint someone from Labette County to the Southeast Kansas Library System Board; the appointee must live in Labette County but not in the cities of Altamont, Chetopa, Edna, Mound Valley, Oswego or Parsons.

Purple Wave – Surplus Items

Purple Wave - the Power of Attorney form needed for the Sale of Surplus Property for each vehicle that has a title was discussed. County Counselor Brian K. Johnson suggested that the Commissioners appoint one individual to be responsible for the form – maybe the Department Head selling the vehicles on Purple Wave.

Public Hearing –Ad Valorem Taxation Exemption – Project Levi

Chairman Fred E. Vail opened the Public Hearing for the Ad Valorem Taxation Exemption – Project Levi at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Vail then allowed GPDA CEO Daniel Mann, GPDA Attorney Kevin Mitchelsen and Parsons Fertilizer Inc. Owner William Shirley to make their comments, etc. regarding such Hearing and Application for Tax Exemption. After all comments and questions were answered regarding the issue the Hearing Chairman Fred E. Vail closed the Hearing at 11:20 a.m.

Resolution 2017-27-A – Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for GPDA and Parsons Fertilizer Inc.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion for the Board of County Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution 2017-27-L granting Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for the Great Plains Development Authority and Parsons Fertilizer, Inc. in the Great Plains Redevelopment District. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

The following persons attended the Public Hearing: Daniel Mann, Kevin Mitchelsen, William Shirley, Dan Manners, Ann Charles, Mike Reed, Pat McReynolds, Charlie Morse and DeLinda White.

EMC Insurance – Exclusion – Blasting Exemption

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Blasting Operations Exclusion for our insurance carrier – EMC Insurance – since the county is no longer blasting – it is being subcontracted out. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas – Agreement - 2018

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the annual Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal for 2018 on which we had a briefing at an earlier Commission meeting stating that overall premiums are increasing less than one percent for the second year in a row; all the terms and conditions are stated on the document and all coverage stayed the same. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to go into executive session 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 Brian K. Johnson for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 12:40 p.m.

Clerk – Computer Purchase

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Clerk to purchase a computer from Higher Calling for \$689.00; payable from General Fund – Clerk – Capital Outlay. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Sign Truck – Public Works

Commissioners decided to purchase a different sign truck this year only if a used one is found that meets all requirements and at a great price.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 13, 2017.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, Fred E. Vail