

Labette County Board of Commissioners November 27, 2017

Convene

Vice-Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 27, 2017 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Absent – Due to Personal Reasons.

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.

Resolution 2017-30-A

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to adopt and execute Resolution 2017-30-A appointing Spence Allison, 20083 Pratt Road, Parsons, Kansas 67357 to the Liberty Township Board as Trustee replacing Jerry Fultz who no longer resides in the area; said appointment is until replaced or reassigned. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve prior minutes dated November 13, 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 (Absent).

Four Corners Conference

Public Health Administrator Debbi Baugher, 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl and Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse gave Commissioners an update of the Four Corners Conference they attended in Branson around the middle of November.

Fiber Optic Internet

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl and Sheriff Darren Eichinger talked to Commissioners about changing the Sheriff & 911 Dispatch Offices to Wave Wireless Internet with Century Link fiber optic internet as backup. After lengthy discussion Commissioners gave Ms. Grassl permission to proceed with Wave Wireless for the initial fix for the internet service and then work on Century Link fiber optic internet as backup. Ms. Grassl will obtain further pricing and present to Commissioners on Thursday.

Advance Correctional Healthcare

Sheriff Darren Eichinger talked to Commissioners about Advance Correctional Healthcare and increasing the contract for 2018 from \$54,260 to \$65,372 which will give the Sheriff/Jail Department eighteen (18) hours of the nurse on site instead of twelve hours. No action taken.

Longevity – Previous Employee

Sheriff Eichinger also brought up the issue of a previous employee who has returned to work for the county being reinstated his previous longevity. It was explained to Sheriff Eichinger that Commissioners would approve this but the issue had never been brought up to the Commissioners before for this employee and approved or denied; a "Request for Position Transfer Form" will need to be completed by the Sheriff and then submitted to Commissioners for the Chairman's signature. There will be no retroactive pay for this employee.

E-Recording Deeds

Register of Deeds Julie Becker, Appraiser DeLinda White and Cartographer Ray Scales talked to Commissioners about e-filing and some of the issues that may arise during this procedure: addresses where the tax statement should go and the legal description if incorrect. There is a rejection code for the deed in the new system that will handle most of the problems so the deed can be returned to the sender and corrected; contact information must also be provided.

Accounts Payable

Vice-Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check nos. 12640 thru 12738 in the amount of \$137,233.45. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

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 (Absent). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Sheriff Darren Eichinger for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:08 a.m.

Chairman Vail

Chairman Fred E. Vail joined the Commission meeting by phone at 11:19 a.m.

Phone Conference – 911 Phone Tax Discussion

A phone conference was conducted at 11:19 a.m. with Chairman Fred E. Vail present on the phone along with 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl to discuss the current 911 funding of 60 cents per phone line. Commissioner Addis had brought the question up at the KAC Conference Legislative Platform Session about counties not having enough money available with the current 60 cent per phone line tax and a lot of the counties stated they were not having that issue; KAC Legislative Services Director/Legal Counsel Melissa Wangemann also stated she had not heard of the issue. Ms. Grassl is going to contact several of the other counties regarding this issue to see what they say as to where all of their expenses are charged because she knows a lot of the counties do it differently; she will report back to the Commissioners what her findings are. Commissioners stated that it is always better to utilize user fees than property taxes.

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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 by phone). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:45 a.m.

Surplus Property

Vice Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to declare the following pickup up from Public Works as surplus property: 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 4 wheel drive pickup with 190,000 miles – VIN# 1D7HU18PX5J570299 – currently being used by the Sign Department. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes by phone).

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Chairman Vail

Chairman Fred E. Vail left the phone conference at 11:59 a.m.

Indigent Defense Agreement – Shane Adamson

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to sign and execute an Indigent Defense Agreement between W. Shane Adamson and the Board of Commissioners for 2018. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 30, 2017.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Vice Chairman, T. Douglas Allen