

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 18, 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 December 18, 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 and Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve prior minutes dated December 11, 2017 as submitted. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

**Executive Session**

Vice Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. Lonie R. Addis 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, Public Works Director Sandy Krider and County Clerk Peggy Minor for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 9:16 a.m.

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**LB CK Juvenile Services – Juvenile Justice Reinvestment and Regional Collaboration Grant Agreement**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Vice Chairman's signature on the Agreement Conditions of Grant for the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment and Regional Collaboration Grant between the Labette County – JJA of Southeast Kansas being Cherokee and Labette Counties and the Kansas Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice Services; the amount of said grant is \$54,090.05 and finances must be kept separate from all other funds. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

**Senator Dan Goddard and Representative Rich Proehl – Legislative Updates**

Senator Dan Goddard and Representative Rich Proehl met with Commissioners to discuss 2018 Legislative Issues. Other County Officials attending the discussion were County Treasurer Crystal Addis, Public Works Director Sandy Krider, Public Health Director Debbi Baugher, County Appraiser DeLinda White, 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl, Register of Deeds Julie Becker, Sheriff Darrin Eichinger and County Attorney Stephen Jones. Some of the topics were as follows:

**Next Generation 911 – 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl**

Ms. Grassl explained the NG911 system and the cost to operate the new system. She also explained to the Senator Goddard & Representative Proehl about supporting the elimination of the cap of 911 taxes or setting a more reasonable rate to support the growing function of NG911. It was also explained that not every county has the same setup for the operation of 911. Commissioners stated for the 2017 budget Labette County had to levy property tax dollars to support this vital service – the is the first time this has been done. Ms. Grassl suggested increasing the 911 tax rate to \$1.20 from \$0.60. Commissioner will always support the utilization of user fees as opposed to increasing tax dollars.

### **Bridges – Public Works Director Sandy Krider**

Public Works Director Sandy Krider explained how the Kansas Department of Transportation abandoned or eliminated the five year bridge program and opted to distribute funds from the Federal Fund Exchange which opened up the federal money – you are allowed to trade your federal money for state money and you can use it to do other projects. Labette County's bridge replacement has been severely hampered; consideration to counties with a high number of bridges needs to be taken into consideration. Labette County has eighty-three (83) RS Bridges that would be in the Federal Aid Routes. If Labette County would have a FEMA disaster – according to FEMA these bridges would not be eligible because we have already received our money. Labette County also has two hundred two (202) Off-set Bridges. KDOT also made an announcement that they would be taking twenty-five (25) % of the money next year instead of just ten (10) %.

### **Mental Health and Jails – Sheriff Darrin Eichinger**

Sheriff Eichinger talked about how the Sheriff and Jail staff are not set-up to handle prisoners with mental health issues and do not have enough cells to house these prisoners. Labette County's is currently overpopulated with now with regular inmates. Our staff is not trained to deal with mental health. Osawatomie State Hospital does not have enough beds to handle the flow of such inmates. Senator Goddard stated hospitals are faced with the same issue – when a patient shows up and has mental health issues and you cannot handle them what do they do. Sheriff Eichinger also stated the inmates with these issues will bond out and within a week they will be back in jail again.

Representative Proehl and Senator Goddard talked about some of their concerns – Education which is currently 53% of the budget and Transportation were some of their main concerns.

### **Labette County Medical Center dba Labette Health Board of Trustees – Resignation**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to accept the resignation of Ronald L. Leonard, D. O. from the Labette Health Board of Trustees effective on or before December 31, 2017. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

### **Resolution No. 2017-32-A – Labette County Medical Center dba Labette Health Board of Trustees**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to adopt and execute Resolution 2017-32-A appointing Dr. Manish Dixit M.D., 3619 Dirr Avenue, Parsons to the Labette County Medical Center dba Labette Health Board of Trustees to serve until April 2018 or until replaced or reassigned; said appointment replaces Dr. Ronald Leonard. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

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### **911 Addressing Issue**

Ron White talked to Commissioners about the issue of his property and Ms. Reedy's property having the wrong house numbers. Apparently when 911 addressing came about the wrong address was assigned to the properties. The houses are located on separate sides of the road – the house on the south side of the road (Mr. White's residence) should have an odd number and has an even number and the house of the north side of the road (Ms. Reedy's residence) should have an even number and has an odd number. After hearing all of

the issues plus possibly having a 911 call to one of the residences and the liability to the County, Commissioners stated that they were unable to accommodate the request to keep the addresses the same.

### **Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. – Amended Agreement**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Inmate Health Services for Labette County with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.; said amended agreement changed the hours of medical service provided to Jail inmates from 18 hours to 16.5 hours per week at the cost of \$5,438.37 (monthly) or \$65,260.39 (annually). T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

### **Wood-Dulohery Insurance**

Bob Wood, Mike Dulohery and Chris Bohrer from Wood-Dulohery Insurance presented Commissioners with the 2018 Insurance rates from EMC Insurance. The rates for 2018 are \$231,469; the Prior Year Policy Premium was \$226,923. 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl was called around 11:50 a.m. during the Commission meeting so Bob Wood could verify the addresses and equipment coverage for all of the 911 equipment, towers, etc. ( a few corrections were initiated). Mr. Wood suggested dropping full coverage on some of the older vehicles. Around 12:00 p.m. Public Works Director Sandy Krider was called during the Commission meeting so Mr. Wood and the Commissioners could visit with Ms. Krider regarding changing some of the vehicles' coverage. Commissioners decided that vehicles over ten years could possibly have the collision coverage dropped; it would depend on what the vehicle was and how it was used. Bob Wood is going to send Ms. Krider a list of the vehicles to look over and determine which ones could have the collision coverage dropped. This change could add up to a substantial savings. Cyber Security was also discussed. It was recommended by Mr. Wood that the Commissioners drop the EMC CyberSolutions at \$660 per year and change it to Evolve Cyber Insurance at the cost of \$3, 180 per year. Evolve Cyber provides better coverage. Bob Wood also presented a Driver Information Request document to the County Clerk for completion.

### **Cyber Coverage/Terrorism Coverage**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to allow Vice Chairman T. Douglas Allen to sign the application and all documentation for Cyber Coverage including Terrorism for Wood-Dulohery Insurance. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

### **Wood-Dohulery Insurance – 2018 Coverage**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to accept from Wood-Dulohery Insurance the insurance quote for 2018 to commence January 1, 2018 and expire January 1, 2019 in the amount of \$233,989 with the understanding that on the Commercial Auto Policy the premium could be less; also on the Terrorism quote (within a couple of hundred dollars) there may be an addition to the premium as stated in this motion. 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 12:33 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 29, 2017.

Attest

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County Clerk Peggy Minor

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Vice Chairman, T. Douglas Allen