

Labette County Board of Commissioners
May 21, 2018

Convene

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 2018 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 and Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve prior minutes dated May 14, 2018 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).

First Responders Insurance

County Clerk Peggy Minor talked to Commissioners about the current Labette County First Responders insurance thru Clemens Insurance Agency. For 2018 there is going to be a significant increase in the insurance premium and Ms. Minor wanted to know if the amount should be increase that the covered entities are billed from the county. The insurance company requested that the agent do a survey of all the departments included in this coverage. After talking with the fire chief, the agent reported that the average number of runs reported was 1320 instead of the 600 reported in previous years. In 2018 there were apparently two additional entities that were added to the policy – Labette No. 9 Fire and Oswego City. Once the number of volunteers reaches 100 there is no increase in premiums for number of volunteers; the increase came from the number of runs reported. The agent did ask the insurance company to break out the premiums by department but the company stated there was not real way to do that. After some discussion Commissioners decided to increase the amount billed to the other entities by the percent of the increase – seventy-seven (77) percent; the amount billed went from \$150.00 to \$265.00.

Emergency Management – Updates

Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse talked to Commissioners about redacting some of the information in the Labette County Emergency Operations Plan; this was recommended by their consultant.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion based upon recommendation of Labette County's consultant that the names and any information that could compromise the security of the Labette County Emergency Operations Plan be redacted as suggested. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Labette County Solid Waste Committee

Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse informed Commissioners that a Labette County Solid Waste Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Health Department; Mr. Morse stated that enough members have responded so there should be a quorum for the meeting.

Out of State Travel

Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse asked Commissioners for permission to travel to the Four Corners Emergency Management Meeting in Branson on December 3, 4 and 5, 2018 so he could go ahead and get his hotel reservation made.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize Charlie Morse to attend the Four Corners Emergency Management Meeting in Branson in December. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Weather Ready Nation Ambassador

Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse informed Commissioners that Labette County is now a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador due to the work that Brandy Grassl and himself have been doing with the Weather Service for the last year and half or so; there is a nice plaque on the wall at the Weather Service in Wichita with the Labette County Emergency Management name on it.

Commissioner Addis – Meeting Updates

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis gave updates on the Southeast Kansas Works Meeting in Emporia that he attended on May 10th and on the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission meeting in Chanute that he attended on the way back from Emporia. Commissioner Addis presented a report on unemployment for the entire state of Kansas broken down by county.

GPDA – PSU Consultant Report

Chairman T. Douglas Allen gave an update on the PSU consultant report concerning the GPDA.

Labette Health Open House

Two or more Commissioners may be attending the Labette Health Open House today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Labette Health Campus.

Meeting Cancelled

Commissioners again reminded everyone that the regular scheduled meeting for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 has been cancelled and the next regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fred E. Vail 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). The only other one present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of forty-five minutes to reconvene at 10:45 a.m.

Public Works Updates

Commissioners Fred E. Vail gave some updates concerning the Public Works Department. The first update concerned the transmission on one of the motor graders – whether to purchase a remanufactured one or to overhaul the existing one; Commissioner Vail was given the authority to make that decision after he is provided with further information. Secondly Commissioner Vail informed the other Commissioners that A 15 – 2003 Sterling L9500 Tandem Wheel Dump truck that was over at Joplin Freightliner for rebuilding should be completed and back this week. Third update – Caterpillar is bringing down a used paver for demonstration on Wednesday of this week (date will need to be confirmed). Notice will need to be given because all three Commissioners will probably be present for the demonstration.

Donation or Disposal – Used Conveyor Belts Update

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson gave an update on the request to see if the Quarry's used conveyor belts could be donated to the Parsons Gun Club. Counselor Johnson stated that technically it can be done. He had been talking to Public Works Director Sandy Krider and she stated the value of the used conveyor belts to the public is zero. To dispose of them because of the core charge of all of the material involved, would actually cost the county money. There is a process for handling the situation – KSA 19-211. Whenever you are disposing of a public entity's property – it has to be published in the newspaper. It can be said that the county is going to donate the used conveyor belts to the Parsons Gun Club but we must publish for two weeks in the county newspaper; you must describe the property being sold and the method of sale – even if it is going to be a donation. County Counselor Johnson is going to setup the necessary items.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. Fred. E. Vail 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 Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:19 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 31, 2018.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, T. Douglas Allen