

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 16, 2019**

**Convene**

Vice Chairman Fred E. Vail called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 16, 2019 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Absent: Fred E. Vail, Present.

**Others Present for the Meeting**

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis.

**Media present**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the minutes of December 09, 2019 as submitted. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Resolution No. 2019-34-A – GPDA – Williams**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2019-34-A appointing Brian Williams, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 4 to serve until December 31, 2022 or until replaced or reassigned. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Parsons City – Inmate Housing Agreement**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the vice-chairman's signature on an agreement between the Labette County Sheriff and the City Council of Parsons for Housing Inmates in the Labette County Adult Detention Facility at a per diem per inmate rate of \$20.00 per day for Parsons municipal court inmates. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Resolution No. 2019-35-A – GPDA – Peterson**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2019-35-A appointing Dan Peterson, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 5 to serve until December 31, 2022 or until replaced or reassigned. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Resolution No. 2019-36-A – GPDA – McNickle**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2019-36-A appointing Ken McNickle, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 6 to serve until December 31, 2022 or until replaced or reassigned. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Appraiser-Abatements/Refunds/Added Discussion**

Appraiser DeLinda White, discussion with Commissioners on abatements, refunds, and added changes to property valuation.

**Dispatch 911 – Higher Calling Technologies – Computer Purchase**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize Dispatch 911 to purchase from Higher Calling Technologies one HP EliteDesk 800 Business Workstation Desktop Computer and monitor for \$1,367.00 and 1

HP EliteBook 755 G5 Notebook for \$868.00, payable from the Dispatch 911 Contractual Fund. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Jim and Joyce Wells – Property Tax Concern**

Jim and Joyce Wells met with Commissioners to voice concerns regarding the increase in property tax on their home.

### **Resolution No 2019-37-A – LB #9 Fire District Board of Directors**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-37-A appointing Dick Surrridge to the Labette No. 9 Fire District Board of Directors, replacing Kimberly A. Hawks, until replaced or reassigned. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Great Plain Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates**

Park Director Brad Reams and Project Manager Becky Dantic met with Commissioners to give various updates on the GPIP. Brad Reams gave a brief history of meetings with KDOT and others that led to the rail improvement project that will rehabilitate 75% of the 30 miles of the north to south rail going through the park. They are hopeful that this improvement will lead to prospective tenants for the future.

### **Bob Chambers Engineer – Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers**

Bob Chambers of Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers stopped in to visit with Commissioners about a potential bridge funding opportunity that may be available in 2020. The program would require a 20% match from the county.

### **Charles Morse – Sanitation Officer**

Charles Morse met with Commissioners to discuss some issues with Sewer District #1. He also advised that the Labette County Advisory Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Labette County Health Department for an organizational meeting, as well as giving Commissioners an update on the 4 Corners meeting that he had attended earlier in the month.

### **Roger Duroni – York Road Deterioration**

Roger Duroni talked to Commissioners about several stretches of road, 2 miles south of Strauss on York Rd, that have at times been under water and have ditching issues. Commissioners said they would discuss this with Public Works.

### **Meeting – Cancelled**

The Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, December 30, 2019 has been cancelled. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

### **Public Works – Sign Quotes**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to accept the low quote received for the purchase of signs used on county roads and bridges, that came from National Sign Company, Inc., Ottawa, KS, for \$7,208.30, payable from Public Works contractual fund. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes). The other quotes received were from Newman Signs, Jamestown, ND, \$8,655.31, and J&A Traffic Products, Blue Springs, MO, \$10,325.00.

### **Recess**

Commissioners recessed their meeting at 11:14 a.m. to attend the Public Works holiday luncheon. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

### **Public Works – Traffic Flagger**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to allow Public Works to try a Traffic Flagger on a 48-hour trial basis. If they like the machine, they are authorized to purchase it for \$9,995.00 to come out of the Public Works

Capital Outlay fund. Commissioner Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Public Works – Truck Purchase Discussion**

Commissioners discussed the possibility of purchasing a truck for Public Works with Public Works Director Sandy Krider, and Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were Public Works Director Sandy Krider, Public Works Assistant Director Ralph George, and Leadman Mechanic Mike Myers for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 1:20 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 23, 2019.

Attest

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County Clerk Gena Landis

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Vice Chairman, Fred E. Vail