

**Labette County Board of Commissioners
December 19, 2022**

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:04 a.m. on December 19, 2022 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, Cole J. Proehl, Present, Terry Weidert, Present

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022 as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commission Salary Increase

Several Department Heads met with Commissioners to thank them for the increased salaries that they gave the previous Monday. They also voiced their recommendation that Commissioners should give themselves raises. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve a twenty-five percent increase in the Commission salaries, effective with the January 2023 pay period. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Project for Bridge #28

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Project Programming Request for Bridge #28, to approve a \$95,000.00 match from Special Reserve Fund to receive a \$960,000.00 award from KDOT. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Position Range Increase

Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve three current employees who hold Class A CDL licenses be moved to a Range 17, effective with the December pay period. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2022-61-A – GPDA – McNickle

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution Number 2022-61-A reappointing 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, 2025 or until replaced or reassigned. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2022-62-A – GPDA – Dan Peterson

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution Number 2022-62-A reappointing 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, 2025 or until replaced or reassigned. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2022-63-A – GPDA – Williams

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution Number 2022-63-A reappointing 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, 2025 or until replaced or reassigned. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with our attorney, a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. To protect the privilege and the board's position (in litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 9:45 a.m. in the commission room.

Solid Waste Discussion

Commissioners discussed solid waste issues with Emergency Manager Charles Morse and several members of the Solid Waste Committee.

Budget Amendment Hearing 10 a.m.

There was no one present to object to the budget amendments.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to adopt the budget amendment for the Abandoned Cemetery Maintenance fund and authorize the Commissioners signatures. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to adopt the budget amendment for the Healthcare Services Fund and authorize the Commissioners signatures. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Solid Waste Discussion

Commissioners resumed their discussion of solid waste issues with Emergency Manager Charles Morse and several members of the Solid Waste Committee.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Excess Fees

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to pay the excess fees back to the municipalities for years 2018 through 2020 as follows:

City of Parsons \$11361.14

City of Oswego \$1889.22

City of Chetopa \$1018.25

City of Altamont \$1274.93

City of Edna \$187.65

City of Bartlett \$187.65

Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Phone Box

Emergency Manager Charles Morse asked Commissioners who would be paying for the First Responder Communication Enhancement Phone Box. Commissioners said it would need to come out of the Labette #9 Budget.

Elevator Update

Custodial Engineer Christopher Lahey gave Commissioners an update on the elevator project. The parts should ship on December 23, 2020. The project manager plans to have a crew to start work during the first or second week in January.

Mr. Lahey also spoke with Commissioners about some roof leaks at a couple of county buildings.

Position Increase

Commissioners agreed to raise the Custodial Engineer Position four range increases effective with the January pay period. The required evaluation has been completed.

KAC Dues

Commissioners agreed to pay the KAC Dues for 2023 in the amount of \$4255.96.

Executive Session

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with our attorney, a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. To protect the privilege and the board's position (in litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Commissioners will meet for a period of thirty minutes to reconvene at 11:03 a.m. in the commission room.

Cyber Security Insurance Renewal

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to renew the Cyber Liability policy for two million dollars in coverage with Wood Insurance Center/EVOLVE for \$20,087.00 and authorize the Chairman's signature on Kansas Statement of Insured. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

County Counselor Contracted Wage Increase

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to increase the hourly wage of the County Counselor by 25% which makes the hourly wage \$125.00 per hour. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2022.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis