

**Labette County Board of Commissioners  
December 21, 2020**

**Convene**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 21, 2020 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: Cole J. Proehl, Present, Fred E. Vail, Absent.

**Others Present for the Meeting**

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

**Media Present**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

**Commissioner Vail**

Commissioner Vail joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m. by phone.

**Resolution No. 2020-35-A – GPDA – Taylor**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution Number 2020-35-A appointing Montie K. Taylor, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 7 to serve until December 31, 2023 or until replaced or reassigned. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Commissioner Fred E. Vail, gave County Clerk Gena Landis, authorization to use his signature stamp to sign the resolution on his behalf.

**Resolution No. 2020-36-A – GPDA – Wood**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution number 2020-36-A appointing Robert Charles Wood, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 8 to serve until December 31, 2023 or until replaced or reassigned. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Commissioner Fred E. Vail, gave County Clerk Gena Landis, authorization to use his signature stamp to sign the resolution on his behalf.

**Resolution No. 2020-37-A – GPDA – Feess**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution number 2020-37-A appointing Ray Feess, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 9 to serve until December 31, 2023 or until replaced or reassigned. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Commissioner Fred E. Vail, gave County Clerk Gena Landis, authorization to use his signature stamp to sign the resolution on his behalf.

**Commissioner Vail**

Commissioner Vail left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

## **Rural Fire Department Spark Discussion**

Emergency Manager Charles Morse discussed with Commissioners the suggestions that were made by the rural fire departments to spend the \$43,000.00 that was set aside from SPARK money. The first suggestion was to have their radios upgraded, but that option isn't COVID related, and was an ongoing discussion prior to COVID, so Commissioners couldn't authorize it. It was decided that Mr. Morse will purchase PPE for all volunteer fire departments.

Mr. Morse also asked Commissioners for authorization to purchase two hand held radios for Emergency Management. The funds are available in the EM budget.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the purchase of two hand held radios for Emergency Management. The cost will be \$5,665.38 and will be paid for out of the Emergency Management budget, 001-008-3807. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

## **SPARK**

Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore and Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski, discussed details for reallocation, audits, and programs in preparation of finalizing the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) program ending deadline of December 30, 2020.

## **Executive Session**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:28 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 28, 2020.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis