

Labette County Board of Commissioners February 10, 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 February 10, 2020 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, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Appraiser – Copier Service Contract

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Service Contract between McCarty's Office Machines, Inc. and Labette County for the Appraiser's Office for a Canon IRADVC350if copier Serial No. QNN07563 SYS#26857 for a monthly charge of \$14.00 which includes 500 black/white copies with excess copies billed at \$0.017 per page; all color copies will be billed at \$0.10 per page. This covers the period from February 18, 2020 to February 18, 2021. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

BCBS Meeting

Chairman Lonie R. Addis announced that there will be a meeting with a Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, at 1:30 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom, for any employee needing information on Medicare options.

Repair on 800 Equipment

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl discussed needed repairs to the south analog repeater in Chetopa which is used for communication as a back-up when the system is down or law enforcement are in an area where they don't have a signal. It was discovered that it was down when doing some testing with Chetopa PD. Commenco has taken the repeater to determine what repairs will be needed, and Ms. Grassl will update Commissioners when that information is available.

Paging System Inspection

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl discussed recent paging system inspections. TF Communications, Topeka, KS, was brought in by the 911 Advisory Board to do an initial inspection of the paging system. They tested every paging repeater except two and found that there were some with issues. With a few minor fixes, TF Communications, working with Brandy Grassl, and Brandon Howard with EMS, were able to improve coverage in the County. A TF Communications representative, was at the recent 911 Advisory Board meeting, and their suggestion, to better service coverage, is to go with a UHF System. The next step in the process to move toward a UHF System, would be to have a topographical map of the county created. TF Communications is going to try to get this accomplished within the \$6,900.00 of the original project.

Federal IPAWS System

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl has been working on getting Labette County Emergency Management connected to the Federal IPAWS System. IPAWS is the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. We currently have the CodeRED System that sends out alerts and warnings to the citizens of Labette County who have signed up. The IPAWS System would allow Emergency Management to send out the same messages through television and cell phone towers themselves, so if someone from outside of the area were traveling through Labette County, they would receive an alert through their cell phone if it had the capability to do so. Ms. Grassl has gone through the required FEMA training, and has already gotten approval through the State of Kansas. Upon Commission approval and signing of the agreement, she then has one year to draft a plan that determines how and when it will be used.

Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement between the Labette County Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency IPAWS Agreement. There is no additional cost for this system. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Court Service Judicial Center Phone Lines

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl discussed the cost of two phone lines for the Court Services office in the Judicial Center that have increased in the last few years. The two lines, one for phone and one for fax, as well as a tablet that was included in the original contract, are serviced by AT&T, at a cost of \$343.00 per month. The other Court departments in the building are serviced by Parcom, Parsons, KS. Ms. Grassl proposed switching the two lines to Parcom at an initial cost of \$220.00 for equipment and installation, and \$50.20 per month for service. The tablet, currently being used by Appraisal, would lose service, so Appraisal would purchase a new tablet through the County Verizon Account.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the switch from AT&T to Parcom on the 1401 Account for Court Services. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Noxious Weed – Annual Eradication Progress Report 2019

Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George presented and discussed with Commissioners the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2019.

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2019 as submitted by Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Noxious Weed and Household Hazardous Waste Conferences

Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George asked permission for David Dodge to attend the Noxious Weed Conference in Topeka on March 2 - 5, 2020; continuing education will be available at the conference. Mr. Dodge also needs to be recertified for Household Hazardous Waste and needs to attend the HHW Conference, March 31st in Topeka. Commissioners agreed Mr. Dodge could attend both conferences.

SEKRPC General Commission Appointee Discussion

Commissioners discussed the SEKRPC General Commission Appointee Consideration.

Employee ID Badge Discussion

County Clerk Gena Landis discussed needing a system for producing employee ID badges. The system at the Sheriff's Department isn't working properly, and suggested it may be an option to purchase a system that would be compatible with the impending security updates in the Courthouse.

Accounts Payable - 2019

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 20135 through 20140 in the amount of \$6,394.52 for 2019 expenditures. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Accounts Payable – 2020

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 20141 through 20244 in the amount of \$103,832.11 for 2020 expenditures. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 10:55 a.m.

Work Session

Commissioners recessed into a work session at 11:09 a.m. for Road Inspections. The regular session reconvened at 2:37 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 17, 2020.

Attest

County Clerk Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis