

**Labette County Board of Commissioners
February 14, 2022**

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 14, 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.

Elevator Repair

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on a contract with TK Elevator to repair and update the Courthouse elevator for \$113,434.75. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Citizen Comment

A citizen commented on attending hearings in Topeka where a couple of Commissioners were in attendance.

Appraiser – Vehicle Purchase

Appraiser DeLinda White met with Commissioner to request a new vehicle. Three quotes were given. A 2017 Ford Explorer, 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan and a 2018 Ford Edge. The Appraiser and Commissioners agreed on the 7 passenger 2017 Ford Explorer that can also be used by other departments when a larger vehicle is necessary.

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to purchase from Mike Carpino Ford of Parsons, a 2017 Ford Explorer and trade in the 2013 Ford Escape, VIN#1FMCU0F74DUB46062, trade in value of \$9,000.00, with a final purchase price of \$21,087.00, to be paid for from the Appraiser's County General Capital Outlay Fund. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable - 2021

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers, 26996 through 27006 in the amount of \$48,225.95 for 2021 expenditures. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable – 2022

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 26861 through 26995 and 27007 through 27008 in the amount of \$243,909.03 for 2022 expenditures. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for twelve minutes, and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

County Attorney

County Attorney Mandy Johnson met with Commissioners to request an increase in the salary for the Deputy County Attorney Position. The position has been vacant for several months due to the difficulty in finding anyone that will take the job due to the low salary.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to increase the County Attorney salary to \$100,000.00 annually and the Deputy County Attorney salary up to \$80,000.00 annually, effective March 1, 2022. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Chief Spinks

Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks spoke to Commissioners about various issues that local law enforcement agencies are facing.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 21, 2022.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis