

Labette County Board of Commissioners

January 17, 2023

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 2023 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Cole J. Proehl, Present, Vincent B. Schibi, Present, Terry Weidert, Present

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and Deputy County Clerk Lorrie Boulware.

Media Present

Hailey Phillips from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

Sheriff's Department Reserve Fund

Discussion was held concerning the creation of an equipment reserve fund for vehicle purchases for the sheriff's department.

Resolution 2023-06-A

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to approve and execute Resolution 2023-06-A authorizing a county equipment reserve fund be created for financing the acquisition of vehicles for the Labette County Sheriff's office. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023 meeting as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Judicial Center Annex Discussion

Commissioner Weidert updated the commissioners concerning the Judicial Center Annex. Commissioner Weidert met with Maintenance Supervisor Chris Lahey at the Annex on January 13th to review the building. Mr. Lahey will be getting a quote for roof repairs. Commissioner Weidert also contacted Community Corrections Director Mac Young to discuss the use of the building and any concerns he might have. The county is required to provide a location for Community Corrections to use and is responsible for paying for the utilities and to provide upkeep on the building. At this time, the county is not receiving any rent for the use of the building. The commissioners feel that the location of the building in relation to the Judicial Center is an advantage. Commissioner Weidert asked Commissioner Proehl to formulate a plan showing the pros and cons of repairing the existing building or the possibility of a new location and report back to the commission in a few weeks. The commission would like to include Mac Young in that discussion. The topic was tabled for further discussion.

Plat Books

County Appraiser DeLinda White presented the commissioners with a proposed agreement from Mapping Solutions to create and publish a 2023 plat book. The county would be charged a set fee and that fee would be paid from the county's general fund. Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Surveying & Mapping Invoice

County Appraiser DeLinda White requested permission to pay an invoice from Surveying & Mapping LLC for data updates and web hosting. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve payment of the invoice. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Appraisal Department Discussion

County Appraiser DeLinda White updated the commission concerning her department. Updates included: employee training, a part-time employee, and the modeling/valuation process.

Register of Deeds Department Discussion

Register of Deeds Raymond Scales visited with the commissioners to acquaint them with the workings of his department. They also discussed procedure if the office would have to be closed in an emergency situation and it was decided that a sign would be posted on the door. Mr. Scales also let the commissioners know that he is working on a procedure book that will outline how documents are handled in the office. He also raised a question concerning his budget for 2023.

911 Generator Update

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott presented the commissioners with the newest quote from Foley Equipment for the 911 generator repair. The previously approved repair did not fix the problem and a new network card needs to be installed. The generator is still functional but needs the new network card to work properly and generate notices to maintain the health of the generator. It was also stated that the repairs could be paid for out of the 911 fund. Commissioners gave their approval for the repairs. Ms. Scott said that the generator will need to be replaced in the next three to five years and that the transfer station would also need to be updated at that time.

911 Dispatch Discussion

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott gave updates on general department topics. The discussion included the following topics: a grant funded comprehensive overview of the department that focuses on software and firewall security; staffing and training updates; quality assurance program; new computer and radio hardware and software updates.

Notifications

Commissioner Chairman Terry Weidert stated that potentially all three commissioners will be attending the upcoming Labette County Conservation District meeting.

Commissioner Weidert also stated that the commissioners will be touring additional rock crushing facilities in Emporia on Thursday. There is the potential that all three commissioners will attend the tour.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for ten minutes and reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

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.). Commissioner Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:54 a.m.

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ARPA Funding Amendment

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson informed the Commission that there had been an ARPA Funding Amendment that has passed the House of Representatives and Senate but has not been signed by President Biden. The amendment would allow for 30% of the funding to be used for infrastructure projects. There was a discussion concerning the water district projects.

Kansas Open Records Act

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson updated the commissioners on some changes to the Kansas Open Records Act based on a ruling by the Kansas Supreme Court concerning document format.

Sewer District #1

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi gave an update on the ARPA funded Sewer District #1 project. After Commissioner Schibi's discussions with members of the advisory board it was recommended that an individual from the board be appointed to oversee the project. The board would like to start the work on the project around June 1, 2023. County Counselor Brian K. Johnson recommended that a list of needed equipment for the project be compiled and a bid package put together so the bid process can be started.

Rock Crusher Update

Chairman Terry Weidert gave an update on the rock crusher tour that took place last week. He stated that he and Commissioner Schibi toured different locations in the Topeka and Desoto areas.

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Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 23, 2023.

Attest

Deputy County Clerk, Lorrie Boulware

Chairman, Terry Weidert