Labette County Board of Commissioners
July 27, 2026

Convene
Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 27, 2026, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Tom Barrett, Present, Vincent B. Schibi, Present, Terry Weidert, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting
County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and County Clerk Gena Landis.

Media Present
Hannah Emberton from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2026. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Resolution No. 2026-27-A
Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2026-27-A resolving invoices in the amount of $96.00, which is a portion of the $2,972.40 owed towards the delinquent taxes of Stanley and Michelle Altendorf. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Road Gate Discussion
Land-owners Dan Smith and Kenny Eck spoke with commissioners about the possibility of placing a gate on 16,000 Rd. at York Road. Commissioners approved adding a gate at that location.

District Court Budget
Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the chairman's signature on the Annual Budget Funds Summary document as presented for District Court. The budget has been set at $311,000.00 for the proposed 2027 expenditures. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Labette County Conservation District – 2027 Budget Certification
Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the 2027 Budget Certification for the Conservation District. The requested amount was $30,000.00, which is the same as last year. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Labette Health – EMS Compilation Report 2025
EMS Director Randy Grimmett, COO Christina Sykes, Director of Finance Nick Fleer and CEO Brin Williams met with Commissioners to discuss the Labette County Medical Center dba Labette Health Emergency Medical Services Statement of Revenues and Expenses for Ambulance Operations (Compilation Report) for Year ending December 31, 2025.

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize Labette County Medical Center dba Labette Health to retain the 2025 tax revenues received in excess of 95% of the 2025 direct loss in the amount of $534,354.00. These funds are to be used for capital purchases for the EMS department including, but not limited to: ambulances, capital medical equipment, construction, or renovation of buildings to house ambulances/EMS vehicles, and

other vehicles. For the avoidance of doubt, this restriction shall supersede the language applied to all prior years' excess tax revenues retained by Labette County Medical Center dba Labette Health. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for four minutes and reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

Solid Waste Discussion

Emergency Manager Charles Morse discussed the recent Solid Waste Board Meeting and contract proposal.

Data Center Discussion

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski met with commissioners to discuss a potential data center within the city limits of Parsons.

Grow at Eden

Grow at Eden Owner Kandy Rushing met with commissioners to ask for a letter of support for KDOT to perform a traffic speed safety study on Hwy 59 in front of her business. County Counselor Brian K. Johnson will draft a letter of support for approval at a future meeting.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 40958 through 41033 in the amount of $354,693.20. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Labette County Fire Department Disbursement

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to disburse a $50,000.00 donation from Labette Health EMS to all ten fire departments in Labette County Equally. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman Tom Barrett 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.) Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:50 a.m. in the commission room.

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioners agreed to cancel the August 3rd commission meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2026.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis Chairman, Tom Barrett