Labette County Board of Commissioners
July 31, 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 31, 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
Sean Frye from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of July 31, 2026. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Local Workforce Development Area I
Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Local Workforce Development Agreement. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Meeting Cancellation
Commissioners agreed to cancel the September 28th commission meeting.

North Repeater
Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize a $9,739.79 payment to Commenco for the Labette County share of the purchase of the north repeater with the City of Parsons paid from the 911 Fund. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Appraiser Copier Purchase
Appraiser Melody Kikkert met with commissioners to discuss copier quotes. Quote from Lakeland Office Systems, Model IF C431f, $4,695.00 and from McCarty Office Machines Inc., Model IFC611f, $3,961.56. Commissioners authorized the purchase of a copier from McCarty Office Machines.

Executive Session
Commissioner Terry Weidert 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.) Tom Barrett 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 seven minutes to reconvene at 9:46 a.m. in the commission room.

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

Project 50C-5366-01 Selection Report

Commissioners were given three choices for engineering firms to rank based on certain criteria for engineering Project 50C-5366-01. The three choices were GFT from Independence, KS, CFS Engineers, Topeka, KS and KAW Valley Engineering, Inc., Wichita, KS. Two of three commissioners ranked GFT Engineering first.
Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to award the project to GFT Engineering. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Tom Barrett 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, Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 10:36 a.m. in the commission room.

Grow at Eden Letter of Support

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on a letter of support to Kansas Department of Transportation on behalf of Grow at Eden owner Kandy Rushing to ask for a speed study on Highway 59 south of Parsons in front of her business. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 41034 through 41086 in the amount of $537,891.55. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Payroll

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Payroll check numbers 1842 to 1843 in the amount of $5,213.57 and Direct Deposit numbers 828411 through 828539 in the amount of $393,524.91 for a total amount of $398,738.48. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2026.

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County Clerk, Gena Landis Chairman, Tom Barrett