

Labette County Board of Commissioners June 13, 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 June 13, 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

Hailey Phillips from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

Former Employee Tribute

Chairman Lonie R. Addis paid tribute to Anita Noble, a former employee of the County Clerk's Office, who passed away recently. Anita will be remembered as a loyal employee who worked diligently at her job and always had a smile.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2022 as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2022 as submitted. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Emergency Management Update

Emergency Manager Charles Morse gave Commissioners an update. At a previous meeting, Commissioners asked Mr. Morse to get with the Sewer District #1 Board to get a breakdown of the work and the cost of their project. The Sewer District has requested the use of ARPA funds.

Commissioners also agreed to add Commissioner Terry Weidert as the 4th person in the Emergency Operation Plan chain of command who would be able to declare a disaster declaration.

Election Canvass Dates

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to accept the dates of August 15, 2022 for the primary election canvass, and November 14, 2022 for the general election canvass. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

City of Chetopa - Mowing

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize Public Works Department employees to mow the Chetopa City lagoons, as well as grade the park roads. The City of Chetopa would be using county equipment, and Public Works Employees hired by the City of Chetopa. This work would be done after normal working hours for Public Works, and the City of Chetopa would also be responsible for the fuel and equipment maintenance while it was being used by them. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Road Maintenance

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to allow Public Works to purchase hot mix from a Pittsburg plant to repair roads, especially on the unofficial bypass. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

First Call of Kansas

First Call of Kansas has raised the price of transporting the deceased for autopsy, from \$275.00 to \$415.00 effective June 15, 2022.

Bulk Mail Service

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the County Clerk's Office to pay Postalocity, Wichita, Kansas, the estimated quote of \$8,002.76 and will be paid out of the County General Courthouse Fund. If less is owed, we can retain the difference in our account for next year, or be reimbursed. If more is owed, it will be paid after the project is complete. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Citizen Comment

Lindsey Wilson, a Labette County resident, spoke to Commissioners about ways to regulate a potential wind complex in Labette County.

ATV Discussion

Appraiser DeLinda White discussed a change the Board of Tax Appeals has made in the definition of an ATV and what that may require of the County. There has been no clear guidance from the state on how to implement this change.

Ms. White also spoke about the approximately five percent (5%) increase in property valuation.

Labette #9 Fire Department Discussion

Labette #9 Fire Department Board President Leon Steeby, and John Diedeker discussed the increased cost of construction and the revenue shortfall that they have experienced trying to build their new fire station. Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Community Development Director Laura Moore offered to search for potential grants that could be utilized.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis 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.) Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, County Clerk Gena Landis, Auditor Rodney Burns, Administrative Secretary Jvette Baker, Jail Sargent Brian Harlow and Undersheriff Clifford Davis, for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 10:53 a.m.

Audit

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize Auditor Rodney Burns to continue and complete the county audit. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 27882 through 28031 in the amount of \$909,742.86. That amount includes \$554,200.00 of ARPA funds. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Jury Duty Fees

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Jury Duty Fee check numbers 902357 through 902418 in the amount of \$2,265.28. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 11:42 a.m.

Custodial Wage

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve a former employee who is a potential custodial candidate be raised to a Range 10 and be able to keep the two-year longevity that they had when they left employment. The hourly rate would be \$13.53. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 20, 2022.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis