

Labette County Board of Commissioners
June 21, 2021

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 21, 2021, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, Brian C. Kinzie, Present, Cole J. Proehl, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and County Clerk Gena Landis.

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio, Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021, as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2021, as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2021, as submitted. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Budget Meetings

Commissioners agreed that they would meet in special session on June 23, 2021 at 8:55 a.m., and June 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to work on the 2022 budget.

Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement – Mid America Appraisals, Inc.

Chairman Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and Mid America Appraisals, Inc.; their fee of \$225.00 has been paid. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Great Plains Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates

Park Director Brad Reams, and Office Manager Kim Bogner, gave Commissioners updates on property, the Foreign Trade Zone space and possible backup water sources.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Commission signatures on an In-Kind Service Agreement for road work, in the amount of \$24,784.17. All improvements must be requested, weather and conditions allowing, by December 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. The agreement was prepared by Legal Counsel for GPDA, and reviewed by Labette County Counselor Brian K. Johnson. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, County Clerk Gena Landis, and Appraiser DeLinda White for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 9:51 a.m.

Indigent Defense

Attorneys Lucas Nodine and Robert Myers discussed the Indigent Defense Contract rates. Due to the increase in the amount of cases they are responsible for, they are asking for an increase in the rate to \$3,500.00 per month, up from the current rate of \$2,600.00.

ARPA

Commissioners revisited the ARPA motion that was made on June 14, 2021, at the request of the County Clerk who needed better parameters for paying out the premium pay.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to pay all full-time employees \$2,500.00 in premium pay, and regular part-time employees at half or \$1,250.00 per policy. Employees will need to have been hired before May 1, 2021 and be working on the date that the Treasury Department releases the final guidelines and the County Counselor verifies that the County can legally proceed with the payments. The only exemption is the County Commission. This motion is dependent on the final guidelines from the Treasury allowing premium pay. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Commissioner Kinzie

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie gave a copy of an unofficial petition he had received, to the press. He also made a statement that due to pending litigation, if anyone had questions for him regarding wind farms, they would need to contact County Counselor Brian K. Johnson or his attorney Robert Myers.

Wind Farm Attorney

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion that the county retain an attorney that is well versed on wind farms, to get legal counsel and protect the county. County Counselor Brian K. Johnson will research available attorneys. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (No), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Register of Deeds Budget

Commissioners met with Register of Deeds Raymond Scales to discuss his 2022 Budget.

County Clerk and Election Budgets

Commissioners met with County Clerk Gena Landis to discuss her 2022 budgets.

County Treasurer Budget

Commissioners met with County Treasurer Crystal Addis to discuss her 2022 budget. The Treasurer also informed the Commission that Pitney Bowes has stated that the county will need to replace the postage machine next year due to age.

Appraiser Budget

Commissioners met with Appraiser DeLinda White to discuss her 2022 budget.

Youth Activities Line Item

Commissioners met with Accounts Payable Clerk Lorrie Boulware, and instructed her to create a new line item in the General Fund called Youth Activities to give an equal share of funds to the cities of Altamont, Mound Valley, Edna, Chetopa and Oswego.

Citizen Comment

Lindsey Wilson, a Labette County resident, asked several questions of Commissioners regarding wind farms.

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with our attorney, a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. Protect the privilege and the board's position (in litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes) Cole J. Proehl (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:58 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. until 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis