

Labette County Board of Commissioners

June 7, 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 7, 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

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 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).

Sheriff Department Lost Credit Card

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to allow the deactivation of a lost Sheriff Department credit card. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Department Head Discussion

County Department Heads discussed some of the issues being faced by departments with regard to recruitment and retention of employees. 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl offered some suggestions for Commissioners to consider going into the upcoming budget meetings.

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the security of a public body or agency, public building or the information system thereof. To avoid jeopardizing the security of the public body or agency, public building or the information system. Cole J. Proehl 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, Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl, Appraiser DeLinda White, Noxious Weed Director Ralph George, Public Works Director Sandy Krider, Emergency Manager Charles Morse, Health Department Administrator Lisa Hoppock, County Treasurer Crystal Addis, Sheriff Darren Eichinger, JJA Director Gina Dolechek, and Register of Deeds Raymond Scales, for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:01 a.m.

Rural Opportunity Zone

Altamont City Administrator Audree Aguilera, spoke to Commissioners about Signing a Rural Opportunity Zone Resolution.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-32-A allocating \$3,000.00 to the Rural Opportunity Zone and authorize the Commission signatures. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Kansas Department of Transportation Discussion

KDOT District Four Engineer Wayne Gudmonson and Construction Engineer Kyler Farmer spoke to Commissioners about any concerns they had for KDOT, as well as to ask if KDOT could close five of six access entrances, south of 160 Hwy to the county road, due to a drainage issue. Chairman Addis asked for some time to visit with landowners before making a decision, and Mr. Gudmonson agreed to the request.

KDOT Supplemental Agreement No. 1

Public Works Director Sandy Krider presented the Commissioners with the KDOT Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Bridge 460. This supplement adds the Critical Fracture and Underwater Bridge Inspection aspect to the Master Bridge Inspection Blanket Agreement.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners signatures on the KDOT Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Bridge 460. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Granite Government Solutions

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl and Accounts Payable Clerk Lorrie Boulware met with Commissioners to discuss the next phase of switching phone lines to Granite Government Solutions. Commissioners agreed to move forward.

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to confidential financial data or trade secrets of a business. Protect the interests of the business to be discussed. Cole J. Proehl 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 for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:11 a.m.

Citizen Comment

John Williamson, a Labette County resident, spoke to Commissioners about his concerns regarding wind farms.

RWE

County Counselor Brian Johnson stated that he had received a call from Brandon Hernandez from RWE. They discussed the possibility of Mr. Hernandez speaking at an open hearing on June 28, 2021, but that he didn't feel comfortable attending the meeting alone due to hate mail that he had received from residents. Mr. Hernandez proposed bringing colleagues with him and that they could answer questions from residents that would be emailed to them prior to the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 14, 2021.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis