

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**March 14, 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 March 14, 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**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

**Phone Discussion**

Commissioners discussed the cell phone policy for county employees.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 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).

**Drainage Issue**

MaryAnn Goodro, 4203 W. Main and Michelle Bradford, 4210 W. Main, Parsons, KS spoke with Commissioners about a drainage issue that affects their properties and other properties in the area. After discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Terry Weidert would meet Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George, along with the residents, at the location in question to see if there is a resolution to the problem.

**Accounts Payable**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 27118 through 27257 in the amount of \$174,413.72. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

**McCarty's Office Machines, Inc. – Register of Deeds – Copier Service Contract**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Service Contract between McCarty's Office Machines, Inc. and Labette County – Register of Deeds for Canon Model No. IRADV C55351 MFP, Serial No. XLN04230 copier from the dates of March 01, 2022 to March 01, 2023. This agreement covers the cost of all labor, parts and toner for said time period. Terry Weidert 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 JJA Director Gina Dolechek for a period of thirty minutes to reconvene at 10:32 a.m.

**DOC Proposed Budget**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to accept the proposed JJA budget plus an additional 10% based upon approval from the State Grant Funds. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

## **Bridge #460**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Commissioners signatures on the Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers agreement for construction inspection of bridge #460 west of Angola, Kansas, for \$147,400.00, payable from the Special Bridge Fund. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

## **Enterprise Vehicle Lease Discussion**

Sheriff Darren Eichinger, Patrol Corporal Dusty Conrad, Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George met with Commissioners to discuss the possibility of leasing vehicles with Enterprise Fleet Management. Auditor Rodney Burns was also present for the discussion. After a lengthy conversation of the details of the potential contract, it was decided that Enterprise couldn't deliver the vehicles in a timely manner and there were more deterrents than benefits.

## **Summary of District #2 Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner Terry Weidert gave an update on a series of community meetings that were held in Edna, Altamont, Mound Valley and Dennis. The top concerns that were communicated from the residents were commission meeting times, livestreaming of commission meetings, roads, Great Plains Development Authority, and wind farm issues.

## **Road Agreement**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion that Labette County would refuse to sign any road agreement with RWE or any other Industrial Turbine Entity. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (No), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a statement that he wasn't planning on running for reelection. Chairman Addis also stated that he would probably support a candidate, however, he would not support a candidate that was in favor of industrial wind turbines.

## **Citizen Comment**

A couple of citizens asked questions of the Commission.

## **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session regarding 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 and County Clerk Gena Landis for two minutes to reconvene at 12:18 a.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2022.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis