

Labette County Board of Commissioners
March 16, 2020

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 16, 2020 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020 as submitted. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Temporary Sick Leave Policy

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to temporarily authorize the use of sick leave for employees, in the limited instance, where schools, or licensed daycare is closed due to official order during the COVID-19 outbreak. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

26,000 Road Update

Public Works Director Sandy Krider, and Assistant Director Ralph George, updated Commissioners on a stretch of 26,000 Road, east of Parsons, that has damage. Mr. George stated that the damage is between two draughts that has tried to create a new waterway due to the excessive amount of rain. Public Works has worked to correct the issue and keep the road from being further damaged.

On-line Credit Card Payments for Public Works

Public Works Director Sandy Krider, and Treasurer Crystal Addis, gave Commissioners an update on how the Kansas Information Consortium, Inc. credit card payment system could help Public Works process payments for overweight loads, culverts, and dust control. Treasurer Crystal Addis plans to utilize an existing account with Chetopa State Bank, to keep payments separate and be able to track these specific payments. There are no additional costs to the County for this service.

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the agreement with Information Network of Kansas, and its agent KIC, as well as the Online Banking Authorization for Business Use with Chetopa State Bank. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, Public Works Director Sandy Krider, and County Clerk Gena Landis, for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 9:45 a.m.

Great Plains Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates

Property Manager Tim Peoples gave Commissioners a property update and information on the Great Plains sign relocation at 24,000 Road and Scott Road. Park Director Brad Reams updated Commissioners on the economic development interest they have seen recently.

COVID-19 Update

Emergency Manager Charles Morse, and Assistant Manager Brandy Grassl updated Commissioners on COVID-19 developments. At this time, protocol for getting COVID-19 samples to KDHE in Topeka is for hospitals or County Health Departments to transport them. If that can't happen, then Emergency Managers are called on to transport the samples. Mr. Morse asked permission from Commissioners for the Emergency Management staff to be able to use county vehicles to accomplish this if necessary. All three commissioners agreed to this request. CDC has required gatherings be less than 50 people. There are new recommendations by KDHE for quarantine and isolation of travelers. Ms. Grassl informed Commissioners that Parsons Fire will not be dispatched to any medical calls, unless the calls are code blue, or are requested by EMS. As of the time of this meeting, there are no known positive COVID-19 cases in Southeast Kansas.

Labette County Advisory Board Meetings Suspended

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to suspend Labette County Advisory Board meetings until after May 1, 2020, due to the limited gathering requirement set forth by KDHE. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. After further discussion, T. Douglas Allen added an amendment to the previous motion, changing the date to June 1, 2020, with the option to revisit the discussion if things turn out to be less serious. Fred E. Vail seconded the amendment. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis