

Labette County Board of Commissioners

March 16, 2026

Convene

Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 a.m. on March 16, 2026, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Tom Barrett, Present, Vincent B. Schibi, Present, Terry Weidert, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Hannah Emberton from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2026. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Indigent Death

Commissioners discussed the case of an indigent death in the county. No action was taken.

Judicial Center Annex Phone Lines

Commissioners discussed migrating the Annex phone lines from Brightspeed to Granite. No action taken.

Cybersecurity Grant

Emergency Manager Charles Morse discussed the possibility of applying for a State and Local Cybersecurity Grant from the State of Kansas. No action taken.

Executive Session

Commissioner Terry Weidert 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.) Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and Emergency Manager Charles Morse for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 9:41 a.m. in the commission room.

Executive Session

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, County Clerk Gena Landis and Sheriff Darren Eichinger for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. in the commission room.

Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for Christopher Smith. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for Gary Weidert. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Abstain), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for The Woodshed, Edna, KS. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2026.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Tom Barrett