

Labette County Board of Commissioners
March 23, 2020

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the special session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present by Phone from 725 Main St, Parsons, KS 67357: Fred E. Vail, Present by Phone from 650 7000 Rd, Edna, KS 67342.

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, County Clerk Gena Landis, Emergency Manager Charles Morse, Health Department Director Lisa Stivers, Sheriff Darren Eichinger.

Media present

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

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis approved the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 20528 through 20634 in the amount of \$244,430.40. This was approved earlier in the day. Commissioners voted to authorize Chairman Addis to approve AP in the March 18, 2020 meeting.

Designated Survivor

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made the announcement that Vice Chairman Fred E. Vail would be staying home and isolating himself, so in the event that the other Commissioners are unable to perform their duties due to illness, he would be able to appoint replacements.

Emergency Management Update

Emergency Manager Charles Morse gave Commissioners a brief update on the COVID-19 statistics for Labette County. At this time there are approximately 70 cases in the state. Mr. Morse also commented on rumors of martial law and the National Guard. The Guard is only being used for distributing supplies through the State EOC. There are no travel restrictions in the state of Kansas at this time. State WebEOC has asked him to create an event log on our website, that would document events such as the Courthouse closing to the public, and our Johnson County travel quarantine. Also announced was that all storm shelters will be open regardless of resident's previous travel.

Health Department Director Update

Health Department Director Lisa Stivers gave Commissioners an overview of what's happening from the Health Department perspective. As of the time of the meeting KDHE hadn't released the most recent update. Ms. Stivers added that she and the Labette County Medical Director, Dr. Sonya Culver, are in contact regularly and everyone is working well together.

Family First COVID-19 Response Act

County Counselor Brian Johnson briefed Commissioners on the new COVID-19 Family First Response Act that was signed by President Trump on March 18th, 2020. Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to agree that the county start date for the FFCRA benefits would be March 20, 2020. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Approving Abatements/Refunds/Added

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to allow Chairman Lonie R. Addis to approve Abatements/Refunds/Added effective March 23, 2020. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Courthouse Disinfection

Chairman Lonie R. Addis proposed having the Appraisal staff help out with Courthouse cleaning and disinfecting. The Appraisal staff isn't busy because of the courthouse limiting public access. Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Vail both agreed.

Approving Accounts Payable

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to give Chairman Lonie R. Addis ongoing authorization to approve AP as necessary in the absence of a full commission board, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, with the understanding that if there is anything exceptional that would need full commission attention, it would be deferred until the next regular meeting or a special meeting would be held to resolve it. 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

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. Fred E. Vail 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, for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 1:52 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m., until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis