

Labette County Board of Commissioners

May 1, 2020

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the special session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners also acting as the Labette County Board of Health, to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 1, 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, Emergency Manager Charles Morse, and Health Department Director Lisa Stivers.

Media present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, and Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

County COVID 19 Restrictions

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion that the Commissioners would not add any more restrictions than what the Governor ordered. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Labette County Fair

Commissioners agreed to allow the Labette County Fair Board to decide if they will go forward with the July fair after a discussion Commissioner Addis had with Fair Board President Kyle McKinzie. Mr. McKinzie will be in contact with Health Department Director Lisa Stivers about issues that might arise with having the fair. The decision to go forward or cancel will be made by June 1, 2020.

Jail Restrictions

Sheriff Darren Eichinger informed Commissioners that the Jail visitation restriction will continue as it has been. The Sheriff and Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl also reported that the Law Enforcement Center lobby will open to the public on May 4, 2020, with social distancing guidelines in place.

Removing Travel Restrictions

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to remove the Johnson County travel restriction and not add other Kansas counties. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Discussion About Access to County Buildings

Commissioners discussed plans for removing limited access to county buildings. Treasurer Crystal Addis spoke about issues her office may face with the Courthouse open to the public.

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to remove the limited access to the courthouse effective Monday, May 4, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. Social distancing guidelines will still be observed, along with group limitation in accordance with the Governor's order. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Self Service

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to allow convenience stores to resume self-service, if they choose, under home rule authority and as the Board of Health, effective Monday, May 4, 2020. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Dining Service

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to allow, consistent with the Governor's orders of social distancing, that buffets and restaurants be allowed to open dining rooms in Labette County effective Monday,

May 4, 2020. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Press Release

Commissioners agreed that Emergency Management Director Charles Morse will publish a press release concerning Commission meeting decisions.

Working from Home Discussion

Commissioner Fred E. Vail discussed the fact that employees should not be working from home now that county buildings are open. Commissioner T. Douglas Allen requested that the press release include the fact that with county buildings open for business, employees should be back working at their regular duty stations.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 11, 2020.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis