

Labette County Board of Commissioners
May 27, 2020

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the special session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 a.m. on May 27, 2020 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present by phone: 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.

Discussion on the Governors Press Conference

Emergency Manager Charles Morse and the Board of County Commissioners discussed information from the Governors press conference that was held on May 26, 2020. At this time the Governor's Ad Astra Plan has now become guidance, and Home Rule power has been returned to the counties and cities.

County COVID-19 Restrictions

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion that as Governor Kelly's directives have expired by operation of law, the County of Labette having no COVID-19 cases for 29 days, will not impose any restrictions. This means that we trust our citizens to follow common sense and use good judgement to protect themselves and the health of others. Therefore, we are not ordering any distancing orders or stay at home orders, and no restrictions are imposed by the county. If people want to social distance, aren't comfortable attending large gatherings, want to wear masks, they are certainly welcome to do so. Individuals and private businesses can set standards for themselves and their customers, but none will be ordered by the county. Individual cities and school districts may under their home rule power, set standards for their areas of responsibility. Labette County seeks to start normal life and commerce as soon as possible, and trusts each citizen to make their own choices based upon their individual situations. If there is an increase in COVID-19 infections in the future, this is subject to change and modification at any time. This decision was made in consultation with County Health and Emergency Management officials. Pools, parks, playgrounds, and sports will be governed by the cities and school districts in which they are located. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. Commissioner Vail commended the citizens of Labette County for containing the spread of the virus. 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 7:15 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis