

Labette County Board of Commissioners
November 08, 2019

Convene

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 08, 2019 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 Peggy Minor.

Media present

Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue and Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Resolution No. 2019-26-L – Moratorium on Commercial Wind Energy Projects

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2019-26-L a Resolution Establishing a Moratorium on Commercial Wind Energy Projects with an ending date of November 13, 2020; this resolution basically states that no commercial wind energy project shall be constructed within any unincorporated area of Labette County prior to this date. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (No).

Approval of Minutes

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of October 31, 2019 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Abstain).

Non-Tobacco Policy

Commissioners discussed the non-tobacco policy and the use of vaping products; basically, questioning whether the use of vaping products should be added to the non-tobacco policy. It was suggested the county's Medical Director be contacted to see how she viewed the subject. The discussion was tabled until the Medical Director and the Public Health Department could be contacted regarding the subject.

Appraiser – Vehicle Repair

Appraiser DeLinda White talked to Commissioners about whether to have one of the older Field Appraiser vehicles repaired or look into purchasing a better vehicle; the current repairs are estimated to cost \$772.06 – the vehicle is a 2009 Chevrolet Impala with 162,193 miles. The vehicle has already accumulated \$2,485.00 worth of repairs this year. Also Ms. White stated that it would be nice if the Agriculture Field Appraiser that usually drives the vehicle could be provided a used 4-wheel drive vehicle instead of a car because of the places he needs to drive. Commissioners deferred making any decisions regarding this issue until they had a chance to review their options.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas – 2020 Renewal Agreement

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the 2020 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Agreement which consists of ASO – Summary of Charges Option A, ASO – Summary of Charges Option B, Agreement to Provide Administrative Services for a Self-Funded Health Benefit Plan, Attachment A, the Stop Loss Agreement and the Group Application/Certification; the Renewal Agreement consisted of a thirteen (13) percent decrease for 2020. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Great Plains Industrial Park – Industrial Revenue Bonds

Great Plains Industrial Park Director Brad Reams and Project Manager Becky Dantic met with the Commissioners to ask for their support in a Kansas Department of Commerce Project that will be coming to GPIIP in the future. GPIIP will be issuing Industrial Revenue Bonds for the project and their bond council, Kutak Rock LLP, stated they will need the endorsement of Labette County to do so; which will consist of a resolution.

Mr. Reams stated they were not quite ready for the resolution yet but wanted to inform the Commissioners of the situation.

Mr. Reams informed Commissioners that with some of the upcoming projects next year they will be upgrading the rail; they have also been in contact with KDOT on this situation in hopes that they may provide some of the funding for the project. GPIP will be returning to the Commission on Monday, November 18, 2019 regarding the bonds.

Public Works Updates

Commissioner Vail informed the other Commissioners that the bridges on 6000 Road were mostly complete; they have been inspected and passed with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineering. Commissioner Vail stated there were few minor details Public Works wanted to fix up concerning the road and ditches before they opened the road next Tuesday (November 12th). These bridges were the ones made from railroad cars.

Public Works – Grapple Bucket

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to allow the Public Works Department to purchase an 84-inch-wide grapple bucket for the skid steer loader from Merlin Eicher DBA as Circle E. Auctions in the amount of \$2,250.00 payable out of the Special Machinery Fund (#144). Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Public Works – Position Change

Chairman T. Douglas Allen signed the “Request for Position Transfer Form” for a Public Works employee that will be going from a Range 16 Step B – Small Engine Mechanic to a Range 17 Step B – Mechanic.

Biometric Screenings – Blue Cross Blue Shield

Commissioner Addis explained Biometric Screenings from BCBS. BCBS will reimburse the County or a vendor directly for biometric screening services up to \$50 per participating enrolled employee. (Reimbursement will not be issued for non-member employees.) The following tests are eligible for reimbursement: blood pressure, pulse rate, total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglyceride level, blood sugar (glucose), waist measurement, height and weight. The County would be responsible for any amount over \$50. BCBS could pay Labette County for the eligible participating employees and then the County would pay the hospital.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to adopt the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (Labette County’s health insurance carrier) Biometric Screenings for the year 2020 and beyond if it works out well for 2020. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Wind Turbine Advisory Board

Commissioners discussed the Wind Turbine Advisory Board. Chairman Allen and Commissioner Addis stated several citizens had contacted them and would like to be on the board. Commissioners discussed the board in great detail. No action taken.

Accounts Payable

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check nos. 19165 thru 19363 in the amount of \$181,400.20. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. 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 10:46 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 18, 2019.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, T. Douglas Allen