

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**November 14, 2022**

**Convene**

Vice-Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:05 a.m. on November 14, 2022 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Absent, Cole J. Proehl, Present, Terry Weidert, Present

**Others Present for the Meeting**

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

**Media Present**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of October 31, 2022 as submitted. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Absent), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

**ROZ**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize payment on the Rural Opportunity Zone invoice from the Kansas Department of Commerce for \$1,500.00. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Absent), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

**Noxious Weed Chemical Bids**

Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George presented the Commissioners with a spreadsheet of the chemical bids from two suppliers – the quotes include Remedy, Crossbow, Outrider, Glyphosate, 2,4-D Amine and Surfactant (these chemicals will be for county use only)

Nutrien Solutions	\$31,217.50
Van Diest Supply	\$30,128.40

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Noxious Weed Department to purchase the 2023 chemicals from Van Diest for a total cost of \$30,128.40, with the understanding that if additional chemicals are needed, they will be purchased through Bartlett Co-Op. The purchase is payable from the Noxious Weed Fund, 128-128-3001. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Absent), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

**Tractor Quote**

Public Works Director Sandy Krider, Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George and Mechanic Josh Edgington met with commissioners to discuss the John Deere tractor quote that they received.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis joined the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the purchase of one John Deere 6130M Cab Tractor for \$198,502.20 and finance three John Deere 6130M Cab Tractors for \$595,506.60, for a total amount of \$782,008.80, from PrairieLand Partners, LLC, Independence, KS, payable from the Special Machinery Fund. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Fund Correction**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to correct the fund on the purchase of a motor grader for \$318,333.34, to be payable from the Special Machinery Fund. The original motion was made on October 31, 2022. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Broadband Feasibility Report**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to accept the Broadband Feasibility Report, that was paid from ARPA funds for the purpose of encouraging broadband development in Labette County. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Memorandum of Understanding – Great Plains Development Authority**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding between Great Plains Development Authority, and Labette County, Kansas in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund distribution. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Abstain).

### **Memorandum of Understanding – Public Wholesale Water Supply District #4**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding between Public Wholesale Water Supply District #4, and Labette County, Kansas in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund distribution. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Countywide Landbank**

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore spoke with Commissioner about the possibility of creating a countywide landbank.

### **Recess**

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

### **Accounts Payable**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 29279 through 29283 in the amount of \$1,537,974.33. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis 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.) Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:53 a.m.

### **Wind Farm Moratorium**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to create a fifteen-month moratorium restricting the construction of wind farms in Labette County. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (No), Terry Weidert (Yes).

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 21, 2022.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis