

Labette County Board of Commissioners

November 17, 2025

Convene

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 a.m. on November 17, 2025, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Tom Barrett, Present, Vincent B. Schibi, Present, Terry Weidert, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Jessica Preble from The Labette Avenue.

Board of Canvassers – 9:02 a.m.

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:02 a.m. and convened the Board of Canvassers to canvass the General Election of November 4, 2025.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed the vote count of 2,163, which were counted through the DS300 Ballot Scanners. Election Clerk Tracy Carnahan revealed the reasons for the fifteen provisional ballots; 9 complete provisional ballots were counted.

There were two races that were tied and the Board of Canvassers followed protocol in the Kansas Election Standards for breaking those ties. The Labette City Mayor race had a two-way tie between John Collins and Nick Beery with five votes each. Commissioner Tom Barrett broke the tie by drawing John Collins from the bowl. The race for Labette City Council fourth and fifth positions, had a four-way tie between Jason Peplinski, Jeremy James, Jessica Preble, and James Smith, all receiving four write-in votes each. Commissioner Tom Barrett broke the tie by drawing James Smith for position four and Jason Peplinski for position five out of a bowl.

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi recessed the Board of Canvassers and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 9:20 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2025. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Audit Engagement Letter – 2025

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Audit Engagement Letter with Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC to audit the 2025 fiscal year at a cost of \$21,250.00 plus any direct costs. This is the same amount the county paid for the 2024 audit. The single audit amount for major programs required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 will be \$3,000.00 per program required to be tested. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Budget Engagement Letter - 2025

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Engagement Letter with Rodney M. Burns, LLC to assist the county with budget preparation at a cost of \$1,400.00 plus any out-of-pocket expenses. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Weed Chemical Bids

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

Nutrien Solutions	\$23,127.60
Van Diest Supply	\$22,485.80

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the Noxious Weed Department to purchase the 2026 chemicals from Van Diest Supply for \$22,485.80. The purchase is payable from the Noxious Weed Fund, 128-128-3001. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for six minutes, and reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

Insurance Renewal

Commissioners met with Bukaty Company representatives Stephen Euston and Cortny Bichelmeyer to discuss options for the 2026 health insurance contract.

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to change the \$50,000.00 stop loss to \$75,000.00 and to keep employee premiums at the 2025 rates. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Board of Canvassers Convened

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi recessed the Board of Commissioners at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened the Board of Canvassers. The provisional ballots were added to the totals bringing the grand total of votes cast to 2,186.

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on the official election abstract. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Board of Canvassers - Adjourned

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi adjourned the Board of Canvassers at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners.

Resolution 2025-44-L

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-44-L, authorizing the commission signatures approving the proposed annexation by the City of Altamont of Idle Hour Lake. The resolution takes effect after being published three consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Proposed Property Purchase

Commissioners discussed a proposed property for purchase.

Sewer District #1

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to allow the water meter for Sewer District #1 customer Jeff Schibi to be read in January due to an error by the sprinkler company that caused a water leak in November. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Abstain).

Executive Session

Commissioner Tom Barrett 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: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also, present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:50 a.m. in the commission room.

Longevity Bonus

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the longevity bonus for the Public Works Director. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Vincent B. Schibi