

Labette County Board of Commissioners November 20, 2023

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 2023, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Cole J. Proehl, 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

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

Board of Canvassers – 9:01 a.m.

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:01 a.m. and convened the Board of Canvassers to canvass the General Election of November 7, 2023.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed the vote count of 2,347, which were counted through the DS450 Ballot Scanner. Election Clerk Tracy Carnahan revealed the reasons for the twenty-eight provisional ballots; seventeen complete provisional ballots were counted, and two partial ballots were counted.

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Canvassers and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 9:27 a.m.

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis left the meeting at 9:27 a.m. to run provisional ballots, and Deputy Clerk Lorrie Boulware took minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

KnowInk Agreement

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a three-year lease purchase agreement for \$23,054.40 total with three payments annually of \$7,754.80 the first year and \$7,649.80 the next two years. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for seven minutes, and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

County Clerk Gena Landis returned to the Commission Meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Memorandum of Understanding – Labette County Rural Water District #7

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding between Labette County Rural Water District #7, and Labette County, Kansas in the amount of \$92,000.00 for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund distribution. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Sewer District #1 Update

Emergency Manager Charles Morse met with commissioners to update them on the Sewer District #1 project. All the valves have been found, they are waiting on the covers to come in and commissioners agreed to allow the project to spend up to \$6,000.00 on problem floats.

Executive Session

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (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 10:27 a.m. in the commission room.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Board of Canvassers Convened

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Commissioners at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened the Board of Canvassers. The provisional ballots were added to the totals bringing the grand total of votes cast to 2370. There was one race that was tied, and the Board of Canvassers followed protocol in the Kansas Election Standards for breaking the tie. The race for the fifth position of the Labette City Council had a tie between Bobby Peplinsky and James Smith, both receiving two write-in votes each. Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi broke the tie by drawing Bobby Peplinsky out of a box. Commissioners then signed the election abstract.

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Terry Weidert recessed the Board of Canvassers at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m., until 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 27, 2023.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert