

Labette County Board of Commissioners November 21, 2022

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 21, 2022 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, 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 November 14, 2022 as submitted. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Board of Canvassers – 9:03 a.m.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:03 a.m. and convened the Board of Canvassers to canvass the General Election of November 8, 2022.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed the vote count of 5,959, which were counted through the DS450 Ballot Scanner. Election Clerk Tracy Carnahan revealed the reasons for the ninety-three provisional ballots; thirty-eight complete provisional ballots were counted and two partial ballots were counted.

Board of Canvassers - Recessed

Chairman Lonie R. Addis recessed the Board of Canvassers and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 9:48 a.m.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

November 28, 2022 Meeting Announcement

Commissioners agreed to not approve Accounts Payable on Monday, November 28th, 2022. It will be approved on November 30, 2022 at the end of the month meeting.

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 for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:04 a.m.

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis left the meeting at 10:04 a.m. to run provisional ballots, and Deputy Clerk Lorrie Boulware took minutes.

Safety Review

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to hire Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers to conduct a safety review of the detour route created due to the detour of the bridge closure on Hwy 59, before raising speed limits back to their previous limits. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Public Works Director Sandy Krider will contact CFS Engineering to make arrangements for the study.

Resolution 2022-56-L

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-56-L Establishing a moratorium on commercial wind energy projects in Labette County until April 21, 2024. Terry Weidert Seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (No), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution 2022-57-L

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the Commission signatures on Resolution 2022-57-L ordering the installation of certain stop signs at the intersection of 10,000 Road and Clay Road in Labette County. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Dispatch By-Laws

Dispatch Director Brandy Scott spoke with Commissioners about the need to update the Labette County Emergency Services Advisory Board by-laws that were created back in 2004.

County Clerk Gena Landis returned to the Commission Meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve changes to the Labette County Emergency Services Advisory Board by-laws. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Ms. Scott also spoke with Commissioners about a Quality Assurance service that is needed to grade the Dispatch emergency calls since her employee that was certified to do Q&A left employment with the County. Commissioners will be taking a closer look at the department budgets before making a decision.

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Bukaty Agreement

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to keep the BCBS health insurance through Bukaty with the same policy that is in effect for 2022. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Terry Weidert (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Lonie R. Addis (Yes).

Board of Canvassers Convened

Chairman Lonie R. Addis recessed the Board of Commissioners at 11:41 a.m. and reconvened the Board of Canvassers. There were two races that were tied and the Board of Canvassers followed protocol in the Kansas Election Standards for breaking those ties. The race for Hackberry Township Clerk, had a two-way tie between Ken Foster and Rich Falkenstein, both receiving two write-in votes each. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl broke the tie by drawing Rich Falkenstein out of a bag.

The Fairview Township Clerk race had a two-way tie between Gina Dolechek and Joshua George with one vote each. Cole J. Proehl broke the tie by drawing Joshua George from the bag.

The provisional ballots were added to the totals bringing the grand total of votes cast to 5,999. The Board of Canvassers (Chairman Lonie R. Addis, Commissioner Cole J. Proehl and Commissioner Terry Weidert) signed off on the November 8, 2022 General Election Abstract. (Total Registered Voters – 13,259 with 5,999 voters equals 45.24%)

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Planning & Zoning Board Resignation

Commissioner Terry Weidert informed the Commission that Planning & Zoning Appeals Board member Ken Foster is resigning from his position on the appeals board.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 28, 2022.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis