

Labette County Board of Commissioners October 24, 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 October 24, 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 and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2022 as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Fund Transfers

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to pay \$2,717.73 from Walton Township Fund 792 to Labette Fire District #9 to zero out the fund that has been sitting idle for a number of years. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to pay \$984.67 from Labette Liberty Fire Fund 880, to Mount Pleasant and Oswego Fire Districts to zero out the fund that has been sitting idle for a number of years. Half of the money will go to Mount Pleasant Fire and half will go to Oswego Fire. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Labette #9 Fire Building Update

Labette #9 Fire Department Board President Leon Steeby, and John Diedeker updated Commissioners on their building project. They will be starting the project as soon as the contract is signed.

Closing of Courthouse – Year End Audit Purposes

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to close the Labette County Courthouse to the public at noon on December 30, 2022 for Year End Auditing purposes. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Holiday Luncheon

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to close the courthouse on Monday, December 5, 2022 between noon and 1:00 p.m. for the annual Courthouse Holiday Luncheon. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Elevator Repair Update

Commissioners spoke with Tom Haskell, Project Manager for TKE Elevator, regarding additional work that will need to be done to finish the elevator repair. The additional repair to replace the jack, labor, and certified welder will be \$39,825.00 and will take six to eight weeks to get parts.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the subcontract change order with TKE Elevator for \$39,825.00 payable from ARPA funds. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Candidate Mileage

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to allow the Commissioner Elect for Commission District 1, be able to be reimbursed mileage for attending meetings and other trainings until they are sworn in. There was discussion between the commissioners and the candidates that were in attendance. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Planning & Zoning Board

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to allow the Planning & Zoning Board to create a plan for the entire County of Labette, except cities and the federal enclave. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (No), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Cleaning Contract Additions

The current custodian for the Judicial Center, Judicial Annex and Health Department, had been asked to clean windows monthly and periodic carpet cleaning, by the staff at those buildings. She subcontracts for these services and asked for an additional amount to cover it. We had also received an estimate from Floor Masters LLC to clean the floors at the Judicial Center for \$2,330.62. Commissioners denied both additional costs and will find someone to clean windows and carpets a couple of times a year.

Bid Opening – 10:00 A.M. – 2022 John Deere 850L Dozer

Chairman Lonie R. Addis opened the following bids for the 2022 John Deere 850L Dozer:

John Deere Financial, Park City, KS – 5.950% Total amount \$398,654.88
Bank of Commerce, Chetopa, KS – 4.30% Total amount \$386,367.36
Commercial Bank, Parsons KS – 3.943522% Total amount \$384,022.12
Community National Bank & Trust, Edna, KS – 4.0% Total amount \$384,729.20
Labette Bank, Altamont, KS – 3.95% Total amount \$384,402.64
Great Southern Bank, Parsons, KS – 4.99% Total amount \$390,628.76

Public Works Director Sandy Krider took the bids to review and give Commissioners a recommendation for financing the dozer.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Jury Duty Fees

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Jury Duty Fee check numbers 902583 through 902660 in the amount of \$2,508.03. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 29135 through 29227 in the amount of \$270,182.72. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Bid Recommendation

Public Works Director Sandy Krider recommended that Commissioners approve the bid from Commercial Bank, Parsons, KS at 3.943522%.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to accept the bid from Commercial Bank, Parsons, KS for financing the 2022 John Deere 850L Dozer. The financed amount is \$357,700.00 at 3.943522%, for a total amount of \$384,022.12. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Bukaty Insurance Discussion

Bukaty Benefits Consultants Stephen Euston and Cortny Hutchison discussed insurance renewal options that may be of interest to the county. They will return at a later date to offer more information.

Insurance Policy Changes

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to allow employees to enroll in dental insurance coverage without enrolling in health insurance coverage. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to remove all discount availability from spouse insurance premiums. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to switch dental coverage from Guardian to Delta Dental with a \$2,000.00 maximum. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman 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 12:19 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 31, 2022.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis