

**Labette County Board of Commissioners
October 5, 2020**

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 5, 2020 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present; T. Douglas Allen, Present; Fred E. Vail, Absent.

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

COVID Barrier Construction

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen, made a motion to authorize the architect to move forward with the COVID Barrier Construction project and allow Chairman Lonie R. Addis to sign future documents on behalf of the Commission in the future. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Drive-Thru Access Easement Agreement

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on a Drive-Thru Access Easement Agreement, Between Labette County and Commercial Bank, 501 Commercial St., Oswego, KS 67356. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Emergency Declaration – Resolution 2020-27-L

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize Resolution 2020-27-L, declaring a state of local disaster emergency for sixty days, due to the COVID-19 Virus. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Vehicle Signage

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize Emergency Manager Charles Morse to move forward with vehicle signage, from Wright Signs, Parsons, KS, for his code enforcement truck. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Mr. Morse also reported that he had a conversation with Brandon Hernandez, of RWE Renewables in Austin, TX, and was informed that MET towers are up and collecting data.

SPARK

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski, Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore, and Emergency Manager Charles Morse discussed details of the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) program. Mr. Zaleski discussed changes that he would like to make to the program and will move forward.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting to reconvene at 10:22 a.m.

KPERS Leasing Agreement

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore, discussed a KPERS Leasing Agreement that KPERS has requested due to them working on the SPARK program for Labette County. No action was taken.

CDBG-CV

Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore discussed a pay request form she needs signed for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Micro-loan.

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature authorizing a payment of \$597.40 that will close out the Micro-loan fund. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Health Fair

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize Cole Proehl and Brian Kinzie be able to attend the county health fair in order for them to receive the \$50.00 per month insurance premium reduction for 2021. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Appraiser Parcel Search Agreement – GNBANK

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on an Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and GNBANK, Girard, KS; the annual fee of \$225.00 has been received. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis

After the county commission meeting held on October 5, 2020, T. Douglas Allen examined county election maps within the city of Parsons. Mr. Allen had moved over the weekend from 725 Main St., city of Parsons to 415 S. 13th St., city of Parsons. He then requested Brian Johnson, Labette County Counselor, to make a ruling on whether he qualified to continue to represent the 3rd commission district. Mr. Johnson examining the maps of the commission districts within the city of Parsons ruled that Mr. Allen had moved to a residence that lies outside of the 3rd commission district; furthermore, that as of last Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 - Mr. Allen was no longer qualified to represent the third commission district. With Commissioner Vail being absent, and Commissioner Allen failing to qualify, Commissioner Addis could not act alone; therefore, all actions taken by the county commission on October 5th are considered null and void.

Commissioner Addis, who serves as the chairman, called a special meeting for Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 to address the issues that were on the commission agenda for October 5th, 2020. It must be noted that Mr. Allen brought the matter before legal counsel, the county commission chairman and the county clerk/election officer of his own volition. The oversight of Mr. Allen was without malice and it was he and he alone that sought to correct the oversight.

Lonie R. Addis
Commission Chair
Labette County, Kansas