Labette County Board of Commissioners
September 14, 2026

Convene
Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 14, 2026, 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
Hannah Emberton from the Parsons Sun.

Public Hearing - RNR Hearing Oswego Cemetery RNR
Oswego Cemetery Chairman/President Theresa Farris convened a meeting of the Oswego Cemetery Board. Members present: Theresa Farris, Jane Rea, and Steven Charles. Chairman Tom Barrett opened the public hearing for the Oswego Cemetery Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 9:03 a.m. for public or commission comment. There were no comments, and the public comment was closed at 9:05 a.m.

Resolution 2026-34-A Oswego Cemetery RNR
Theresa Farris moved to have BOCC Chairman Tom Barrett make the following motion on behalf of the Governing Body of the Oswego Cemetery. Whereas, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Oswego Cemetery was calculated as 4.115 mills by the Labette County Clerk; and Whereas, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the Oswego Cemetery will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rage; and Whereas, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 14, 2026 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and Whereas, the Governing Body of the Oswego Cemetery, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the governing body of the Oswego Cemetery: The Oswego Cemetery shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 4.115 mills. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body. Adopted this 14th day of September 2026 and authorize the signatures of the Governing Body. Theresa Farris closed the meeting.

Public Hearing - RNR Hearing Oak Hill Cemetery RNR
Oak Hill Cemetery President Robert 'Bob' Boyd Jr. convened a meeting of the Oak Hill Cemetery Board. Members present: Robert 'Bob' Boyd Jr, Charles 'Chuck' Bentley, Betsy Koontz, Jessica Morgan, and Linda Seaman. Chairman Tom Barrett opened the public hearing for Oak Hill Cemetery Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 9:10 a.m. for public comment. There were no comments, and the public comment was closed at 9:11 a.m.

Resolution 2026-35-A Oak Hill Cemetery RNR
Robert 'Bob' Boyd Jr moved to have BOCC Chairman Tom Barrett make the following motion on behalf of the Governing Body of the Oak Hill Cemetery. Whereas, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Oak Hill Cemetery was calculated as 2.979 mills by the Labette County Clerk; and Whereas, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the Oak Hill Cemetery will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and Whereas, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 14, 2026 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and Whereas, the Governing Body of the Oak Hill Cemetery, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the governing body of the Oak Hill Cemetery: The Oak Hill Cemetery shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 2.979 mills. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

Adopted this 14th day of September 2026 and authorize the signatures of the Governing Body. Robert 'Bob' Boyd Jr closed the meeting.

Public Hearing - RNR Hearing

Chairman Tom Barrett opened the public hearing for the Labette County Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 9:18 a.m. for public or commission comment. There were no comments, and the public comment was closed at 9:19 a.m.

Resolution 2026-36-A Labette County RNR

Chairman Tom Barrett made the following motion. Whereas, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Labette County, Kansas was calculated as 56.874 mills by the Labette County Clerk; and Whereas, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the Labette County, Kansas will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and Whereas, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 14, 2026 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and Whereas, the Governing Body of Labette County, Kansas, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Now therefore, be it resolved by the governing body of Labette County, Kansas: Labette County, Kansas shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 56.874 mills. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body. Adopted this 14th day of September 2026 and authorize the commission signatures. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

The Revenue Neutral Rate hearing was closed at 9:24 a.m.

Public Hearing – Labette County 2027 Budget

Chairman Tom Barrett opened the public hearing for the Labette County 2027 Budget at 9:25 a.m. for public or commission comment. There were no comments, and the public comment was closed at 9:27 a.m.

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on the Labette County 2027 Budget as presented. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

The budget hearing was closed at 9:27 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Burn Ban Rescinded

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to rescind the current burn ban. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

County Holiday Dinner

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to close applicable county departments from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on December 14th for the county holiday dinner which will take place at the Oswego Community Building, with a catered dinner. The employee turkey or ham gifts will be distributed on that day as well. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioners agreed to cancel the December 7th commission meeting.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for four minutes and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 41373 through 41489 in the amount of $416,389.14. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman 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 five minutes to reconvene at 10:35 a.m. in the commission room.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 21, 2026.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis Chairman, Tom Barrett