

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**August 31, 2018**

**Convene**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 31, 2018 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Present.

**Others Present for the Meeting**

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor.

**Media present**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve prior minutes dated August 20, 2018 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve prior minutes dated August 24, 2018 as submitted. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Abstain), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and Girard National Bank, N. A., Girard, Kansas for the annual fee of \$225.00; said fee has already been paid. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**AAA Kansas Traffic Safety Fund – Radar Donation**

Sr. Public Affairs Specialist Shawn Steward, from AAA Kansas, and Dave Corp, a Law Enforcement Liaison with KDOT's Traffic Safety Section, presented the Labette County Sheriff's Department with a car-based radar unit; said unit is being provided by the courtesy of the AAA Kansas Traffic Safety Fund which works to support traffic safety initiatives all over the state thru grant funding. Commissioners, Sheriff Eichinger and Undersheriff Clifford Davis thanked the gentlemen for the donation.

**Health Department**

County Counselor Johnson talked briefly about the mold issue with a resident of an apartment complex in Parsons. Counselor also talked briefly about the fact that there is a statute that says the Health Department for the County is supposed to do a walk thru of all the schools to make sure they are up to code including air conditioning units, boilers, etc. Apparently, the topic is supposed to be discussed at the KAC meeting in October. Health Departments usually do not do this because they do not have anyone trained in all of these areas.

**Jim Zaleski – City of Parsons – Resolution No. 2018-31-A – Prioritization of 400 Highway**

Jim Zaleski, Economic Development Director from the City of Parsons, met with the Commissioners to ask for their support in the prioritization of U.S. Highway 400; said form of support would be the commission adopting a resolution showing their support.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2018-31-A declaring the support of the Board of County Commissioners of Labette County, Kansas for the continued expansion of the highway system in Southeast Kansas and request for equal priority to maintain Intra-state commerce through the Kansas Department of Transportation; a resolution supporting continued expansion and eventual 4-lane

construction of U.S. Highway 400. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Public Hearing – Labette County 2019 Budget**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen opened the public hearing for the Labette County 2019 Budget as published in the official county newspaper and certified by the County Clerk at 10:00 a.m. for public or commission comment. There was no public present except the press; Commissioner made various comments about the creation of the 2019 budget. Some of the comments pertained to why the increase in the Jail Budget, the increased cost of the employer's portion of the KP&F Retirement, the Attorney's Office adding another full-time employee due to the increase in their work load and a two (2) percent COLA that will be based upon a Performance Evaluation for each employee that justifies the increase. The public hearing was closed at 10:04 a.m.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to execute, adopt and authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on the Labette County 2019 budget as presented at 61.664; Labette County's 2018 mill rate was at 61.815. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Public Hearing – Special Districts 2019 Budgets**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen opened the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. for the following Special Districts as published in the official county newspaper and certified by the County Clerk. There was no public comment so the public hearing was closed at 10:09 a.m.

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to execute and adopt the following 2019 Special Districts Budgets as presented and also to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on said adopted budgets: Neosho Drainage District – 81.485 mills, Labette No. 9 Fire District – 3.677 mills, Edna Elm Grove Cemetery – 2.718 mills, Mound Valley Cemetery – 3.673 mills, Oak Hill Cemetery – 3.660 mills, Oswego Cemetery – 5.047 mills, Pleasant Valley Cemetery – 2.996, Labette Township – 3.236 mills and Richland Township – 1.351 mills. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Lease Agreement – Walter S. Murphy – 1712 Corning, Parsons**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Lease Agreement between Walter S. Murphy and Labette County for the premises located at 1712 Corning, Parsons for the amount of \$9,600.00 to be paid at \$800.00 each month beginning September 1, 2018 with succeeding payments due on the first day of each subsequent month during the term of the lease agreement; said lease will terminate on August 31, 2019. The property is used to house the Juvenile Justice Authority for Labette County. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and JJA Director Gina Dolechek for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:32 a.m.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and JJA Director Gina Dolechek for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:49 a.m.

### **Justin King – JK Fencing – Tree Trimming – County Roads**

Justin King from JK Fencing informed the Commissioners that he had purchased the Sky Trim equipment and would like for the county to consider using him and the equipment to trim some of the county's right-of-way trees that had grown to high for county equipment to reach; the equipment will reach 75 feet in the air. Public Works Director Sandy Krider was also present for the discussion. Mr. King figured the charge would be \$150

per hour or by the mile – it would depend on the area being done. Mr. King thought mulching would be the best option to dispose of the limbs, etc. either in the ditches or in the back of a dump truck. Ms. Krider also thought it would be very beneficial to the county to utilize this service. Commissioners suggested that Public Works Director Sandy Krider work with Mr. King in picking the area and trimming some of the overgrown trees to see how the operation is going to work. After one area is tried and everyone is satisfied then a contract will be drawn up for Mr. King to continue the work. Commissioners suggested the area around 19,000 Road or Chase Road might be a good place to try first.

### **Public Works – Uniforms**

Public Works Director Sandy Krider talked to Commissioners about the current uniforms/shirts/T-shirts assigned to employees. After a lengthy discussion the following changes were allowed: three (3) shirts that button (\$52.64 x 3 total \$157.92) or eight (8) mesh T-shirts (\$20.59 x 8 total \$164.72) or the employee can still rent uniforms and pay for this service themselves. The logo on the uniforms will only say “Lafayette County Public Works” – no employee name added. The uniform coats are still in good shape. A terminating employee is not allowed to purchase their county shirts or coats.

### **Public Works – Noxious Weed Coupons**

Public Works Director Sandy Krider presented the Commissioners with a current Noxious Weed Coupons list.

### **Accounts Payable**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Account Payable checks nos. 15134 thru 15279 in the amount of \$674,644.84. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Jury Fees**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following replacement checks: Jury Fee check nos. 901226 thru 901228 (original checks lost by payees). Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Payroll**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Payroll check nos. 1644 thru 1647 in the amount of \$6,682.50 and Direct Deposit nos. 816634 thru 816752 in the amount of \$263,601.57 for a total amount of \$270,284.07. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Miscellaneous Discussions**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis had a brief discussion about the Juvenile Detention Center and some of the current and future concerns regarding the Center.

Commissioner Addis reported on the LEPC meeting; Parsons Fire Chief Jay Hawks had a demonstration on the safety suits they have. The county’s contract with Susan Belt (LEPC) may end at the end of the year; this is not final yet.

### **Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail talked about possibility having a countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Neosho County currently has a countywide plan and Montgomery County is looking into this kind of plan also. County Counselor Johnson stated what area would actually be included would have to be determined and what the qualifications would be. Commissioners stated it might be something to be considered.

### **KS FLAP RS376(1) Big Hill 19000 Road**

Bob Bowden, P.E. Project Manager, Central Federal Lands Highway Division, is asking for a letter if the chip and seal project is completed to the county’s satisfaction (meaning they just come in and lay down the chip and seal as requested) then the county is going to sign off that everything is fine. The county is not going to do that until everything is completed to their satisfaction.

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### **Executive Session**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). The only other one present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 1:51 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). The only other one present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of thirty minutes to reconvene at 2:21 p.m.

### **Work Session**

Commissioners recessed into a work session at 2:22 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 2:49 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 10, 2018.

Attest

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County Clerk Peggy Minor

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Chairman, T. Douglas Allen