

## **Labette County Board of Commissioners August 9, 2021**

### **Convene**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 9, 2021, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, Brian C. Kinzie, Present, Cole J. Proehl, 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 Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to approve the minutes of July 30, 2021, as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

### **Labette Community College – Agreement for Purchase of Services**

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Agreement for Purchase of Services by and between Labette Community College and Labette County; said agreement provides for LCC to provide educational training programs to assist qualified employers to train their employees in job related skills and Labette County provides such services as classroom facilities, Equipment usage, Faculty, Consulting, Supplies and other services as may be agreed upon. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

### **Board of Canvassers – 9:17 a.m.**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:17 a.m. and convened the Board of Canvassers to canvass the Chetopa Special Sales Tax Election of August 3, 2021.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed the vote count of 68 Yes votes and 15 No votes, which were counted through the DS450 Ballot Scanner. The Board of Canvassers (Chairman Lonie R. Addis, Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie and Commissioner Cole J. Proehl) signed off on the August 3, 2021 Chetopa Special Sales Tax Election Abstract.

### **Board of Canvassers - Recessed**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis recessed the Board of Canvassers and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 9:20 a.m.

### **City of Chetopa - Mowing**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize Public Works Department employees to mow the Chetopa City lagoons. The City of Chetopa would be using county equipment, and Public Works Employees hired by the City of Chetopa. This work would be done after normal working hours for Public Works, and the City of Chetopa would also be responsible for the fuel and equipment maintenance while it was being used by them. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

### **County Attorney Payroll Discussion**

Commissioners discussed the County Attorney Position Transfers that were turned in with his 2022 Budget.

### **Liberty National Insurance**

Hunter Harris and James McFerron, Liberty National Representatives, spoke to Commissioners about some of the optional policies they can provide for employees.

### **Wind Farm Comment**

Labette County resident Josh Ghering spoke to Commissioners about health concerns related to a potential wind farm complex being built in Labette County. Mr. Ghering suggested that the wind farm complex be built inside the Great Plains Industrial Park.

### **County Attorney Payroll**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the CA position transfers retroactive to the July pay period. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Lonie R. Addis (No),

### **Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis presented the other Commissioners with the Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center second quarter report.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie 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.) Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes) Cole J. Proehl (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:06 a.m.

### **Accounts Payable**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 25129 through 25235 in the amount of \$300,483.50. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

### **ARPA Discussion**

County Clerk Gena Landis discussed the premium pay for three employees who are not receiving pay for the August pay period. Ms. Landis was given authorization to hold the premium payment as well as back payment until the employees return to payroll. Premium pay will be initially paid for out of the county budgets and reimbursed from the ARPA fund.

### **City of Edna Mayor Discussion**

City of Edna Mayor Sam Vail discussed the shortage of rock for chip and seal projects for the city of Edna.

### **RNR Hearing**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to hold the RNR Hearing on August 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

### **Amended RNR Hearing Motion**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made an amended motion to hold the RNR Hearing on August 31, 2021 at 9:55 a.m. and the Budget Hearing immediately following at 10:00 a.m. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Lonie R. Addis (Yes).

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 16, 2021.

Attest

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County Clerk Gena Landis

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis