**Labette County Board of Commissioners**

**July 15, 2019**

**Convene**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 2019 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**

Rudy Taylor from the Labette Avenue, Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun and Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

**Noxious Weed Updates**

Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George presented the Commissioners with an update on the 2019 Noxious Weed Cost Share Certificates; Cost Share Certificates issued - $8,396.62 with $5,625.53 redeemed. Ralph also asked Commissioners permission to allow one of the Public Works mower operators to work on Friday’s to help the regular Noxious Weed employee spray with the extra spray truck – Commissioners agreed.

**District Court – 2020 Proposed Budget**

Court Administrator Mac Young met with Commissioners to request funds for the District Court 2020 Budget. The 2019 District Court Budget was $259,950; the 2020 Budget request was for $272,450.00. No action taken.

**Labette Cherokee Juvenile Services – Memorandum of Understanding – Truancy Counseling Services**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on a Memorandum of Understanding for Juvenile Truancy Counseling Services between Labette and Cherokee County Services, Labette County, Kansas and the Spring River Mental Health and Wellness Center, Riverton, Kansas effective July 1, 2019 for a quarterly cost of $3,891.00 or an annual cost of $15,562.02 (first payment will be in the amount of $3,891.02). T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Labette Cherokee Juvenile Services – Memorandum of Understanding – Juvenile Intake and Assessment Services**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on a Memorandum of Understanding for Juvenile Intake and Assessment Services between Labette and Cherokee County Juvenile Services, Labette County, Kansas and the Spring River Mental Health and Wellness Center, Riverton, Kansas effective July 1, 2019 for a quarterly cost of $7,217.75 or an annual cost of $29,087.00. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Oas – Wind Farm Energy Development Concerns**

Dave Oas talked to Commissioners about the wind farm energy development in Neosho County. He just wanted to make sure that Labette County informs everyone of all the pro and cons of the wind farms. Commissioners assured him they would do what is in the best interest of the county and they had not been approached by anyone as of yet concerning the wind farm energy development in Labette County.

**Oswego City – Neighborhood Revitalization Plan**

Oswego City Clerk Carol Eddington met with Commissioners to inform them that the Oswego City Council approved doing the $5,000 and $10,000 requirement criteria; no special districts – only residential and agriculture, commercial and industrial, and historical; five years for residential, ten years for commercial, industrial and historical; 100% rebate for all categories. County Counselor will review the Interlocal Agreement attached to the Oswego NRP Plan. No action taken.

**Resolution 2019-17-L – Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution 2019-17-L authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Blue Cross Blue Shield – Mid Year Report**

BCBS Representative Cristy Mitchell met with Commissioners to go over the Blue Cross Blue Shield Mid-Year Report (health insurance usage).

**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 was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk Gena Landis, Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative Cristy Mitchell and County Clerk Peggy Minor for a period of forty-five minutes to reconvene at 10:48 a.m.

**Tree Removal - Courthouse**

Commissioner Addis informed the other two Commissioners that he had Danny Turner and Butch Campier (both gentlemen have a tree removal/trimming service) examine the hackberry tree on the northeast corner of the Courthouse lawn. It was suggested by Mr. Turner and Mr. Campier that the tree be removed; the tree is already split and will probably split some more in the near future. After some discussion, Commissioners decided to proceed with having Mr. Turner and Mr. Campier remove the tree and tree stump. It was suggested that a tree with some size be planted in the same spot to replace the large hackberry tree. This expense will be paid for from the General Fund – Courthouse.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the minutes of July 08, 2019 as submitted. Fred E. Vail 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 the minutes of July 12, 2019 as submitted. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Cooperative Marketing Agreement**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on the Cooperative Marketing Agreement between Great Plains Development Authority, Labette County and the City of Parsons; said agreement will be called “Grow Labette County” and all three parties seek to market and promote potential areas in Labette County for industrial development to businesses interested in or potentially interested in expanding or relocating in the Parsons, Kansas area, and seek to accomplish this marketing in a cooperative manner with a proactive public relations and communications program without duplication or redundancy in efforts. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Great Plains Industrial Park - Updates**

GPDA Project Manager Becky Dantic and Property Manager Tim Peoples gave various updates concerning the Great Plains Industrial Park.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney client privilege. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by 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 ten minutes to reconvene at 11:53 a.m.

**Labette County Conservation District – 2020 Budget**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on a County Budget Certification to Labette County Conservation District in the Appropriation amount of $22,500 payable out of the County General Fund for Budget Year 2020. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Work Session**

Commissioners recessed into a work session at 12:01 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

 **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. until 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 19, 2019 for a Special Meeting/Budget Work Session.

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County Clerk Peggy Minor Chairman, T. Douglas Allen