**Labette County Board of Commissioners**

**July 29, 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 29, 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**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

**Others in Attendance:**

Mel Hass and Tina Hass.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2019 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 the minutes of July 25, 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).

**Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center – Update**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis gave an update on the Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center; he also stated he had a copy of the current audit for the Detention Center and it would be filed in the Commission Room with the other audits.

**Labette Center for Mental Health Services, Inc. – 2020 Budget**

LCMC Executive Director Matt Atteberry met with Commissioners to request funds for the Labette Center for Mental Health Services 2020 Budget; Mr. Atteberry also gave a detailed report of the services offered by his organization/business. The Mental Health 2020 Budget request was the same as the 2019 Budget amount - $143,400.

**Emergency Management – Updates**

Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse gave updates on the following: Command Center now fixed – main issue was the UPS power system – it needs to be plugged in when not in use – Commissioners gave Charlie permission to make sure a 50-amp plug is wired into the trailer.

Mr. Morse was needing a list of the Labette County Emergency Planning & Response members to be approved by the Board of Commissioners so he could send it to the State. Commissioners preferred this be done by resolution; so, a resolution will be prepared and signed in the near future concerning this issue.

**Four Corners Emergency Management Conference – Out of State Travel**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize out of state travel for Charlie Morse, Lisa Hoppock, Sandy Krider and Brandy Grassl to attend the Four Corners Emergency Management Conference in Branson, Missouri from December 4 thru December 6, 2019. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Emergency Management – Updates (continued)**

Mr. Morse stated that the Sewer District Advisory Board wanted him to take the Sewer District over completely; Commissioners stated he would be able to help with the Administrative duties only. Charlie suggested that an Application Permit be created for Sewer District No. 1 hook up but would have no connection to the actual sewer connection fees; this way he would be aware of someone new building in the Sewer District No. 1 area.

Hazmat Incidents – Charlie suggested that Labette County have supplies on hand to take care of certain hazmat spills, etc.; Commissioners agreed to this and instructed him to obtain what supplies were needed.

Mr. Morse also reminded Commissioner that he would be in Nebraska next Wednesday thru Saturday attending the LEPC Conference.

**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). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Emergency Management Director Charlie Morse for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:40 a.m.

**Pro Energy Solutions**

Mike Williams from Pro Energy Solutions visited with Commissioners about purchasing natural gas from Pro Energy Solutions instead of Kansas Gas Service. Mr. Williams stated Kansas Gas Service will allow you to purchase your natural gas from a different provider when you use 800 mcf in a twelve-month period. Kansas Gas Service would still remain your utility company, read you meter and deliver natural gas thru the system; then they would tell Pro Energy Solutions how much gas you used and we would bill you for that. The natural gas thru Pro Energy Solutions averages around 20 to 25 percent less in cost. Mr. Williams stated their base natural gas prices are based off Southern Star market rates which serves this area. He also stated that utility companies are regulated; they build more into their cost of gas; they by law cannot make a profit on the cost of gas – they make a profit on their infrastructure (reading the meter and their pipeline delivering the gas). Kansas Gas Service would still bill Labette County for reading the meter and delivering the gas if the county would decide to go with Pro Energy Solutions.

Mr. Williams was asking for the Commissioners to sign a release to give Kansas Gas Service permission to communicate Labette County’s natural gas usage over the past twenty-four months for the purposes of customer savings analysis/quote.

**Pro Energy Solutions – Release of Information**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on a Release of Information giving Kansas Gas Service permission to communicate with Pro Energy Solutions all pertinent information concerning Labette County’s natural gas usage over the past twenty-four months for the purposes of customer savings analysis/quote. T. Douglas Allen 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 budget work session at 11:00 a.m. The regular session reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

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County Clerk Peggy Minor Chairman, T. Douglas Allen