

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**March 31, 2020**

**Convene**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 31, 2020 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Present by Phone from 650 7,000 Rd, Edna, KS 67342.

**Others Present for the Meeting**

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and County Clerk Gena Landis.

**Media Present**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020 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 T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2020 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 T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2020 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).

**County Building Limited Access Discussion**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to extend the policy of all county buildings having limited access and open to the public by appointment only, until April 30, 2020. Building entrance protocol will continue. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Executive Session**

Chairman 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, County Clerk Gena Landis, and JJA Director Gina Dolechek, for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 1:35 p.m.

**KDOT Cost Share Program**

Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the KDOT Cost Share Program application for the 80/20 match on Bridge 460, with a total amount 1.187 million. If chosen to receive the grant, the breakdown would be \$736,000.00 for KDOT and \$451,000.00 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).

## **Recess**

Commissioners recessed from 1:55 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **Enhanced Communication Discussion**

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Parsons City Manager Debbie Lamb discussed ways communication can be improved between entities during the pandemic crisis. No action taken.

## **Emergency Declaration – Resolution 2020-17-L**

T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize Resolution 2020-17-L, declaring a state of local disaster emergency regarding the COVID-19 Virus. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

## **Resolution Establishing a Class C Misdemeanor Discussion**

Commissioners discussed a possible resolution that would make failing to follow a quarantine or social distancing order a class C misdemeanor. No action taken.

## **Commissioner Vail**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail exited the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

## **Payroll**

Chairman Lonie R. Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Payroll check number 1694 in the amount of \$2,192.38 and Direct Deposit numbers 818940 through 819060 in the amount of \$250,876.66 for a total amount of \$253,069.04. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

## **Accounts Payable**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 20635 through 20692 in the amount of \$363,225.27. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Absent).

## **Commissioner Vail**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail returned to the meeting by phone, from his home at 650 7,000 Rd., Edna, KS 67342.

## **Sanitation/Emergency Management Position Salary**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to increase the salary for the Sanitation/Emergency Management position by \$500.00 per month, effective April 1, 2020. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

## **Approving Salaries**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to give Chairman Lonie R. Addis ongoing authorization to make discretionary changes to salaries, as necessary in the absence of a full commission board, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. This is a temporary authorization. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Abstain), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

## **Commissioner Vail**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail exited the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2020.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis