Labette County Board of Commissioners
May 24, 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 May 24, 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 Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 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).

Backup Commission Credit Card
Commissioners discussed the possibility of raising the credit limit on the backup Commission credit card.

Economic Development
Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski, discussed several issues with Commissioners, including a proposed letter to KDOT to lower the speed limit south of Parsons, ARP Funds, and a possible Land Bank for the City of Parsons.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter the City of Parsons is sending to KDOT regarding a speed limit change south of the City. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Great Plains Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates
Park Director Brad Reams, and Project Manager Becky Dantic, gave Commissioners updates on property, the Foreign Trade Zone space and possible backup water sources.

Disaster Declaration
Emergency Manager Charles Morse informed Commissioners that the Disaster Declaration, dated March 31, 2021, will expire on May 30, 2021.

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to allow the current Disaster Declaration to expire. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Recess
Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Citizen Comment

Lindsey Wilson, a Labette County resident, spoke to Commissioners about her reasons for not wanting a potential Wind Farm Complex to be built in Labette County and asked that Commissioners put a moratorium in place for twelve to eighteen months.

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to create an eighteen-month moratorium on construction and development of wind farms in Labette County. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Budget

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to engage Rodney Burns to assist on the 2022 Labette County Budget at a rate of $1400.00 plus expenses. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to engage Carolyn Brock to assist with the 2022 Labette County Township Budgets at a rate of $110.00 per budget, payable by the Townships. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 24464 through 24554 in the amount of $116,928.99. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Brian C. Kinzie 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 ten minutes to reconvene at 11:51 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 28, 2021.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis   Chairman, Lonie R. Addis