

Labette County Board of Commissioners

October 10, 2023

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 10, 2023, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Cole J. Proehl, Present, Vincent B. Schibi, Absent, Terry Weidert, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2023. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Absent), Terry Weidert (Yes).

CodeRED Renewal

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott met with commissioners to discuss renewing the subscription service with CodeRED, which is the service that enables dispatch to send alerts and warnings to citizens who have registered.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the continued service with Onsolve for five years at a cost of \$9,348.00 per year for a total cost of \$49,240.00. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Absent), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for four minutes and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl 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.) Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Absent), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Sanitation/Emergency Manager Charles Morse for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 9:56 a.m. in the commission room.

ARPA Discussion

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore discussed ARPA funds.

Resolution 2023-39-L Rural Opportunity Zone

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-39-L allocating \$3,000.00 to the Rural Opportunity Zone and authorize the Commission signatures. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Absent), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 32217 through 32334 in the amount of \$1,150,450.17. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Absent), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Policy Discussion

County Clerk Gena Landis spoke with commissioners about whether they want to keep or change the current policy regarding light duty for employees who are off on FMLA or workers compensation. Current policy is that employees must have a full release without restrictions before returning to work. After discussion it was decided that the current policy would remain in effect.

Ms. Landis also informed commissioners that there have been several employees who have asked about the possibility of changing courthouse hours to model the changes that three cities in Labette County have made. The cities have changed to a schedule of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. There was also discussion about a four-day, ten-hour workday. Commissioners indicated that they would take it under advisement.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Absent), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and County Clerk Gena Landis for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:03 a.m. in the commission room.

Support Letter

Commissioners signed a letter of support for CHC/SEK to show support for their public transportation program and their effort to obtain a grant to fund the program.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m., until 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 16, 2023.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert