

## **Labette County Board of Commissioners April 20, 2026**

### **Convene**

Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 20, 2026, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Tom Barrett, Present, Vincent B. Schibi, Present, Terry Weidert, Present.

### **Others Present for the Meeting**

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

### **Media Present**

Hannah Emberton from the Parsons Sun.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement – BC Max**

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and BC Max; the fee of \$225.00 has been paid. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Public Works Personnel**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to allow pay increases for Public Works, Abandoned Cemetery, and Noxious Weed as presented to commissioners starting with the July pay period. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Abstain), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **City of Mound Valley – Street Project**

Mound Valley Mayor David Templeton, met with Commissioners to discuss the use of county equipment for city street repair. Commissioners agreed, with the understanding that the City of Mound Valley would be using county equipment, Public Works Employees would be hired by the City of Mound Valley, and the work would be done after normal working hours. The city would also be responsible for the fuel, equipment maintenance, and employee workers compensation during this time.

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to allow Public Works Employees to work on the chip and seal project for the City of Mound Valley. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Jail Expenses**

Sheriff Darren Eichinger, Undersheriff Greg Haraughty, and Jail Administrator Brian Harlow met with commissioners to discuss probable increases to the jail due to the passage of SB2444.

### **Speed Limit Discussion**

Sheriff Darren Eichinger and commissioners discussed increasing the speed limit on Ness Road from Hwy 400 south to Gabriel. Commissioners asked that Public Works Director Sandy Krider be notified to contact Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers to get a possible traffic study completed.

### **Recess**

Commissioners recessed their meeting for seven minutes and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

**Amazon Business Account**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the renewal of a countywide Amazon Business Account, for a \$779.00 membership fee. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

**Executive Session**

Chairman Tom Barrett 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: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 10:57 a.m. in the commission room.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2026.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis

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Chairman, Tom Barrett