

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**April 30, 2020**

**Convene**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 30, 2020 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 Gena Landis.

**Media Present**

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

**KDOC – Juvenile Services Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on the Kansas Department of Corrections –Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant Application for FY2021; amount of said grant allocation is \$286,719.04. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**KDOC – Juvenile Services Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant Approval Forms**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on the KDOC Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant Approval Forms. 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 Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020 as submitted. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**River Rock Case Discussion**

Appraiser DeLinda White discussed details of the River Rock case with Commissioners.

T. Douglas Allen made a motion to appeal the Appellate Court opinion to the Kansas Supreme Court and try to persuade other counties to join the litigation and help pay legal expenses. This ruling could impact all of the counties in the state that have oil and gas. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**First Responder Insurance**

Dispatch 911 Director Brandy Grassl and First Responder Coordinator Keith Shaffer discussed changing agents for First Responder Insurance. Commissioners took Keith Shaffer’s recommendation to switch agents due to lack of communication on the former agent’s part. The insurance coverage, company, and premium remain unchanged.

Fred E. Vail made a motion to move the first responder insurance contract to Becker Lassen Insurance Agency, Inc., in the amount of \$4,406.00. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Abstain), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on a Transfer of Policy letter to Becker Lassen Insurance Agency, Inc. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Abstain), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Septic Tank Variance**

T. Douglas Allen made a motion to grant a septic tank variance at 26047 Elk Rd, Dennis, KS, 67341. Closing date is 05/01/2020. During the property inspection, it was noted that the septic tank is approximately eight feet from the foundation of the house. Current Labette County Sanitary Code minimum distance is 10 feet. Sanitation Officer Charles Morse has done an inspection and feels that there is no issue with granting the variance. The variance will follow the deed for future owners. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Emergency Management Update**

Emergency Manager Charles Morse gave Commissioners an update on the current COVID 19 statistics in Labette County.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to go into executive session for security reasons. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Abstain), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian Johnson, and Emergency Manager Charles Morse for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:59 a.m.

### **LEPC and Special Commission Meeting Announcement**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis announced that the next on-line LEPC meeting would be held on May 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. and a Special Commission meeting would follow at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the special meeting is to address the re-opening of Labette County after hearing the Governor's updated executive order which would be delivered on April 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Morse also informed Commissioners that he has received many positive comments on the Public Works department employees who have been assisting with unloading trucks for food distribution. He also added that the Flood Plain meetings have continued via Zoom, and the new flood plain maps are still moving forward.

### **Accounts Payable**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 20910 through 20946 in the amount of \$356,404.92. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Payroll**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Payroll check number 1695 in the amount of \$2,452.96 and Direct Deposit numbers 819061 through 819180 in the amount of \$279,483.61 for a total amount of \$281,936.57. T. Douglas Allen 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, and County Clerk Gena Landis, for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:55 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 01, 2020.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis