

Labette County Board of Commissioners
April 7, 2025

Convene

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 7, 2025, 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

Jessica Preble of the Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 2025. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for Daniel Schibi. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Abstain).

Amazon Business Presentation

Manny Coya, Amazon Government Business Accounts, gave a presentation to the commission about the benefits of a business account.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for four minutes, and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

City of Altamont – Mowing

Altamont City Administrator LeAnn Myers and Altamont Superintendent Brad Myers talked to Commissioners about the use of county equipment to do sidearm mowing of the city lake and lagoon ponds.

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the Public Works Department to sidearm mow the Altamont City Lake and lagoon ponds as well as one-half mile on Meade Road once a month and after heavy rain. The City of Altamont would be using county equipment, Public Work employees hired by the City of Altamont, and this work would be done after normal working hours. The city is responsible for the fuel, equipment maintenance and workers' compensation while it is being used; they would also be purchasing all materials used in this process such as rock, etc. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Kansas Representative Dan Goddard

Kansas Representative Dan Goddard met with commissioners and gave them an update on some legislative bills that they have worked on this term.

County Emergency Operations Plan

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to endorse the CEOP plan as required by KSA 48-929 and authorized the chairman's signature on the promulgation. It will be in effect until 2031. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Flood Plain Meeting

Emergency Manager Charles Morse informed commissioners that there would be a flood plain public meeting on April 29, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Altamont City Building.

Solid Waste Discussion

Emergency Manager Charles Morse discussed that GFL Environmental wants authority to increase rates for private haulers at the transfer station. No action was taken.

Executive Session

Commissioner Terry Weidert 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.) Tom Barrett 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, County Clerk Gena Landis, and Emergency Manager Charles Morse for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 11:24 a.m. in the commission room.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for three minutes, and reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

Taxable Fringe Benefit Discussion

County Clerk Gena Landis and County Counselor Brian K. Johnson discussed with commissioners, fringe benefit policies. Commissioners decided that the meal and county vehicle policies would stay as they are.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 14, 2025.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Vincent B. Schibi