

**Labette County Board of Commissioners
December 09, 2019**

Convene

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 a.m. on December 09, 2019 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

Jamie Willey from the Parsons Sun, Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio

Appraiser-Abatements/Refunds/Added Discussion

Appraiser DeLinda White, discussion with Commissioners on abatements, refunds, and added changes to property valuation.

Radio Lease Purchase Discussion

Sheriff Darren Eichinger, 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl, and Accounts Payable Clerk Lorrie Boulware, met with Commissioners to discuss changing the due date on the Motorola Radio Lease Purchase Agreement with Community National Bank and Trust in Parsons, Kansas. Sheriff Darren Eichinger will make arrangements with the bank to amend the due date.

Sheriff Department Truck Purchase Discussion

Sheriff Darren Eichinger brought to Commissioners attention, a possible excess of \$300,000.00 that he may have left in the 2019 Sheriff and Jail budgets. The Sheriff proposed the purchase of two Dodge Durangos, from Fleet Safety, which would cost approximately \$76,000.00, that would be used for the two K-9 units, and one or two Ford trucks, from Mike Carpino Ford, which would cost approximately \$32,000.00 each, to be used for patrol purposes. Commissioners allowed the purchase of the Durangos and only one Ford truck, to ensure the budget can cover expenses to the end of the year. A few older Dodge trucks will be declared surplus property, sold, and funds used to purchase equipment. One older Dodge truck will be transferred to the Appraiser's Department. Initially, Commissioners planned to use money from the 2019 Sheriff/Jail budget to pay about \$50,000.00 toward the Radio Lease Purchase that was authorized in October. Commission Chairman, T. Douglas Allen, suggested that instead of paying the \$50,000.00 toward the Lease Purchase that was already in place, they use the money for the truck purchases. Both Commissioner Addis and Commissioner Vail agreed.

Noxious Weed Chemical Bids

Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George presented the Commissioners with a spreadsheet of the chemical bids from three suppliers – the quotes include Escort, Outrider, Glyphosate, 2,4-D Amine and Surfactant (these chemicals will be for county use only):

Nutrien Solutions	\$28,226.90
Van Diest Supply	\$29,051.40
Bartlett Coop	\$37,915.50

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the Noxious Weed Department to purchase the 2020 chemicals from Nutrien Solutions for a total cost of \$28,226.93. The purchase is payable from the Noxious Weed Fund, 128-128-3001. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Prepayment Fuel Agreement

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Prepayment Fuel Agreement between Labette County and the Bartlett Cooperative Association for the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020; fuel amounts purchased are Unleaded Gas - \$120,900.00, Clear #2 ULSD Diesel - \$191,049.50 and #2 ULSD Red Diesel - \$106,548.00 for a total amount of \$418,497.50. Fred E.

Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Bridge Discussion

Public Works Director Sandy Krider, gave Commissioners an update on multiple county bridges, and the 4 Corners Meeting she had attended the previous week.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of December 02, 2019 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Representative Rich Proehl & Senator Dan Goddard – 2020 Legislative Issues

The Board of Commissioners talked to Representative Rich Proehl and Senator Dan Goddard about 2020 Legislative Issues. Others present were Public Works Director Sandy Krider, Noxious Weed Director Ralph George, 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl, Sheriff Darren Eichinger, and Appraiser DeLinda White and Jean Nash. The issues discussed were: Property Tax Lid, Next Generation 911, Bridges, Mental Health and Jails, and Redistricting.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting at 11:50 a.m. to attend the Courthouse Holiday Luncheon. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 16, 2019.

Attest

County Clerk Gena Landis

Chairman, T. Douglas Allen