

**Labette County Board of Commissioners
December 18, 2023**

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 18, 2023, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Cole J. Proehl, 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

Ray Nolting Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from The Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Sheriff Department Update

Sheriff Darren Eichinger met with commissioners to give them a department update.

Appraiser Department Update

Appraiser DeLinda White met with commissioners to give them a department update.

Severed Minerals

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to end the collection of severed mineral taxes effective January 1, 2024. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Radio Update

Emergency Manager Charles Morse met with commissioners to update them on the 800 MHz radio grant. Mr. Morse informed commissioners that he was able to get an additional twelve radios for \$1,510.80, making the total for one hundred twelve radios \$251,510.80. Mr. Morse will pay for the additional twelve radios out of the Emergency Management Budget.

Mr. Morse also informed commissioners that the storm spotter training will be March 12th at LCHS. No time was given.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes and reconvened at 9:52 a.m.

Planning & Zoning Department Update

Planning & Zoning Administrator Mel Hass met with commissioners to give them an update on the zoning plan that Foster & Associates is working on.

EMC Insurance Renewal

Bob Wood from Wood Insurance Center presented the Commissioners with the new 2024 renewal premiums from EMC Insurance for the Commercial Property, Commercial General Liability, Crime, Commercial Inland Marine, Commercial Automobile Coverage, Workers Compensation, Cyber and Umbrella policies. The current premium is \$395,054.00, and the renewal premium for 2024 is \$402,662.70.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on the renewal with Wood Insurance Center and EMC Insurance, for \$402,662.70 with the understanding that these amounts may fluctuate once various adjustments are made. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas – 2024 Renewal Agreement

Commissioner Vince B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on the 2024 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Agreement which consists of ASO – Summary of Charges Option A, ASO – Summary of Charges Option B, Agreement to Provide Administrative Services for a Self-Funded Health Benefit Plan, Attachment A, the Stop Loss Agreement, Group Application/Certification, Amendment to Stop Loss Contract, and Addendum to Agreement to Provide Administrative Services. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: The motion passed by vote: The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

2024 Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to elect Terry Weidert as Chairman to the Board of Commissioners for 2024. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to elect Vincent B. Schibi as Vice Chairman to the Board of Commissioners for 2024. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for three minutes and reconvened at 11:14 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.). Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also, present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis for a period of thirty minutes to reconvene at 11:48 a.m.

Clerk Department Update

County Clerk Gena Landis met with commissioners to give them a department update.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 29, 2023.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert