

Labette County Board of Commissioners
February 10, 2025

Convene

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 a.m. on February 10, 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 Dunn of the Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

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

Katy Hospital Proceeds

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to give the \$55,329.00 proceeds to Labette County Medical Center dba Labette Health and asks that they consider a portion be given to the rural fire departments. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), 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).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

Labette County Historical Society – 2026 Budget

Commissioners met with members of the Labette County Historical Society to discuss their 2025 budget request with an increase of a quarter (.25) of a mill.

Battery Storage Discussion

USD 504 Superintendent Mitchell Shaw met with commissioners to discuss the battery storage project that will be built near Service Valley Charter Academy.

Appraisal Department Update

Appraiser Melody Kikkert met with commissioners to give a department update.

Accounts Payable 2024

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 36632 through 36636 in the amount of \$16,374.75. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Accounts Payable 2025

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 36631 and 36637 through 36731 in the amount of \$291,046.36. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

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 for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:40 a.m. in the commission room.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 17, 2025.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Vincent B. Schibi