

Labette County Board of Commissioners
February 23, 2026

Convene

Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 23, 2026, 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 Deputy County Clerk Lorrie Boulware.

Media Present

Hannah Emberton from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2026. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Labette Health Revenue Bonds – Form 8038-T

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the chairman's signature on IRS Form 8038-T on behalf of Labette Health regarding their hospital revenue bonds. Vincent B. Schibi 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 non-disclosure of confidential information between Great Plains Development Authority and other leasing entities according to KSA 45-221(A)(12). Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also present was Great Plains Development Authority Park Director Brad Reams for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 9:26 a.m. in the commission room.

Great Plains Development Authority Update

Great Plains Development Authority Park Director Brad Reams updated the commissioners concerning a proposed trash incineration project in the park.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for three minutes and reconvened at 9:41 a.m.

Sheriff Vehicle Purchase Discussion

Sheriff Darren Eichinger met with the commissioners to discuss the purchase of two new trucks for his department. It was approved for him to purchase the vehicles and the necessary equipment for the vehicles from his 2025 budget.

Register of Deeds Department Update

Register of Deeds Raymond Scales gave the commissioners an update on his department concerning his retirement as of June 1, 2026.

Detour Discussion

Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George met with the commissioners to discuss the unofficial detours associated with the KDOT bridge project on Hwy 59 north of Parsons.

Executive Session

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also present was Public Works Assistant Director Ralph George for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 10:37 a.m. in the commission room.

Accounts Payable 2025

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 39859 through 39861 in the amount of \$9,268.56. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable 2026

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 39763 through 39858 in the amount of \$157,759.78. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (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.). Vincent B. Schibi 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 11:07 a.m. in the commission room.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 27, 2026.

Attest

Deputy County Clerk, Lorrie Boulware

Chairman, Tom Barrett