

Labette County Board of Commissioners
January 13, 2025

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 a.m. on January 13, 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

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

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to elect Vincent B. Schibi as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2025. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Tom Barrett made a motion to elect Terry Weidert as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2025. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

NRP Public Hearing

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi opened the NRP public hearing at 9:04 a.m. There was no public comment, and the hearing was closed at 9:05.

Resolution No. 2025-01-A

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to approve and execute Resolution No. 2025-01-A designating the Labette County 2025 Holidays as follows:

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 20, 2025
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26, 2025
Independence Day	Friday, July 4, 2025
Labor Day	Monday, September 1, 2024
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27, 2025
Thanksgiving – Day After	Friday, November 28, 2025
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas	Thursday, December 25, 2025
Christmas day after	Friday, December 26,
New Year’s Day	Thursday, January 1, 2026

Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-02-A

Commissioner Tom Barrett made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to approve and execute Resolution No. 2025-02-A – (GAAP Waiver) pursuant to the governing body found that financial statements and financial reports prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles are of no significant value to the governing body or members of the general public of this municipality, pertaining to the year 2025. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-03-A

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to approve and execute Resolution No. 2025-03-A designating all Banks within Labette County as depositories for 2025; the depositories by name are Commercial Bank with locations in Parsons and Oswego, Bank of Commerce with branch offices located in Chetopa and Parsons; Community National Bank with locations in Edna and Parsons; Labette Bank with branch offices in Altamont, Oswego and Parsons; and Great Southern Bank with a branch office located in Parsons. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-04-A

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to approve and execute Resolution No. 2025-04-A designating the Labette Avenue as the legal county newspaper for all legal publications for Labette County for 2025 to comply with KSA 64-101(b). Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Abatement

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to reject an abatement change for the Parsons Area Foundation and accept the old. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of December 31, 2024. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Labette County Fair Board – 2026 Budget

Labette County Fair Board President Kayla O'Brien and Fair Board Members J. J. Bebb and Rick McKinzie met with Commissioners to talk about the 2025 Labette County Fair and to request 2026 Budget Funds. New and future improvements to the Fair grounds were discussed. The 2025 Labette County Fair will be held July 19 through the 26th.

SonicWall

Higher Calling IT Specialist Mike Meyer and Brandy Scott met with commissioners to discuss needed upgrades to the department SonicWall's.

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the quote for \$27,965.00 for four SonicWall appliances to be installed at four county locations. The courthouse, Public Works, Noxious Weed and the Sheriff/Dispatch building. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the quote for additional monthly cyber security solutions for \$1,289.75 per month. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

K9 Insurance

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the chairman's signature on an Agent of Record document to make a change on K9 insurance coverage. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-05-A

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2025-05-A concerning meal allowances; the meal allowances are as follows: Breakfast - \$17.00, Lunch - \$20.00 and Dinner - \$35.00; it also describes the entire meal policy and the prohibition against alcoholic beverages as part of a meal. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Bond Amounts

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the increase of bond amounts for Sheriff, \$40,000.00 Treasurer, \$100,000.00, Clerk \$100,000.00 and Attorney \$25,000.00. A resolution will be signed next week. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Deputy Register of Deeds

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a position transfer for the position of Deputy Register of Deeds to move from a range 18 to a 19. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Settlement Statement

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a settlement statement for the sale of the Katy Hospital at 412 Katy Ave, Parsons, KS 67357 for \$50,548.00. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for thirty minutes and moved to the court room to watch a public demonstration of new election equipment and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. Deputy Clerk Lorrie Boulware took minutes.

Accounts Payable 2024

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 36347 through 36422 in the amount of \$68,763.04. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable 2025

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 36423 through 36487 in the amount of \$514,004.05. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: 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 security to discuss matters relating to the security of a public body or agency, public building, or the information system thereof. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Deputy County Clerk Lorrie Boulware for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 12:01 p.m. in the commission room.

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: The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 12:17 p.m. in the commission room.

County Clerk Gena Landis returned to the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Vincent B. Schibi