

Labette County Board of Commissioners
January 20, 2026

Convene

Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 a.m. on January 20, 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 County Clerk Gena Landis.

Media Present

Hannah Emberton from the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2026. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2026. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Burn Ban Rescinded

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to rescind the current burn ban. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Document Signature Approval

Commissioners agreed to give Emergency Manager Charles Morse authorization to sign a document from Dan & Zimmermann to conduct open detonation operations for cy 2026.

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 Sheriff Darren Eichinger for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 9:38 a.m. in the commission room.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for three minutes and reconvened at 9:47 a.m.

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioners agreed to cancel the February 2nd meeting.

Commission Room Chair Purchase

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the purchase of two Boss Office Chairs for the commission room for \$85.00 each. 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 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 10:08 a.m. in the commission room.

Resolution No. 2026-07-A – GPDA – Williams

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution Number 2026-07-A reappointing Brian Williams, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 4 to serve until December 31, 2028, or until replaced or reassigned. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Resolution No. 2026-08-A – GPDA – Dan Peterson

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution Number 2026-08-A reappointing Dan Peterson, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 5 to serve until December 31, 2028, or until replaced or reassigned. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Resolution No. 2026-09-A – GPDA – Dr. Jason Sharp

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution Number 2026-09-A appointing Dr. Jason Sharp, to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) known as the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) to Position No. 5, replacing Ken McNickle, to serve until December 31, 2028, or until replaced or reassigned. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 26, 2026.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Tom Barrett