

Labette County Board of Commissioners
January 21, 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 January 21, 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.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-06-A – JCAB Appointment

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2025-06-A appointing Tom Barrett to the Labette/Cherokee County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB), replacing Cole J. Proehl, to serve until replaced or reassigned. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-07-A – Juvenile Detention

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2025-07-A appointing Tom Barrett to the Juvenile Detention Advisory Board, replacing Cole J. Proehl, to serve until replaced or reassigned. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-08-A

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution Number 2025-08-A appointing Jim Zaleski to the Southeast Kansas Regional Loan Advisory Committee to serve until April, 2026 or until replaced or reassigned. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Labette Center for Mental Health Services, Inc. – Agreement

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners signatures on the Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Labette County and the Labette Center for Mental Health Services Inc., from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Commissioners have agreed to levy taxes not in excess of 0.948 mill for 2025 to pay for mental health services for residents of the county. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

HRR Grant Discussion

Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George met with commissioners to discuss details of a High-Risk Rural Road Grant Application that Labette County intends to submit.

Public Works Copier Purchase

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the purchase of two imageRunner Advance C5500 III Series copiers for \$2400.00 each. Tom Barrett 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.) Tom Barrett 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 for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 9:47 a.m. in the commission room.

Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize an exception on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan transfer for Labette County USD 506. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

County Holidays

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to add the Juneteenth holiday to the 2025 list of holidays. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-09-A

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to approve and execute Resolution No. 2025-09-A designating the Labette County 2025 Holidays as follows:

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 20, 2025
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26, 2025
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19, 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).

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Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Executive Session

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. Terry Weidert 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, County Clerk Gena Landis, and Custodial Engineer Chris Lahey for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10.52 a.m. in the commission room.

Step Increase

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize a step increase for the position of Custodial Engineer to move from a range 24 step 700 to a range 24 step 800, and to authorize the merit increase of 2%. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Meeting Cancellations

Commissioners agreed to cancel the following meetings: February 3, 2025, March 3, 2025, and April 28, 2025.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2025.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Vincent B. Schibi