

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 27, 2020**

**Convene**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 2020 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Present.

**Others Present for the Meeting**

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Gena Landis.

**Media present**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Rena Russell from the Labette Avenue, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020 as submitted. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2020 as submitted. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement – Terry E. Shockley, dba Shockley Appraisals**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and Terry E. Shockley, dba Shockley Appraisals. Their fee of \$225.00 has been paid. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Resolution No. 2020-07-A**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2020-07-A reappointing James K. Cook to the 11th District Judicial Nominating Committee to serve until March 04, 2024, or until replaced or reassigned. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes).

**Resolution No. 2020-08-A**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to approve and execute Resolution No. 2020-08-A amending Resolution 2020-03-A to include the Bank of Commerce as an official county depository, due to the merger of the Chetopa State Bank with the Bank of Commerce, which has a branch office in Chetopa. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Great Plains Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates**

Park Director Brad Reams, Property Manager Tim Peoples, and Project Manager Becky Dantic met with Commissioners to give various updates on the GPIP. Tim Peoples gave an update on the KDOT Grant work that has rehabilitated much of the rail going through the park. The work should be completed by the end of the week, and an inspection has been scheduled for Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brad Reams updated Commissioners on various entities that are showing interest in their facilities.

### **Jail Floor Estimate**

Sheriff Darren Eichinger informed Commissioners that the floor process for the jail, that was approved earlier in the month, will not be an option due to the fact that the jail floors would not be able to have anyone walk on them for twenty- four to forty-eight hours after being sealed. The Sheriff is getting a quote for new floor covering.

### **Executive Session**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for security reasons. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were Sheriff Darren Eichinger, Undersheriff Clifford Davis, Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks, Parsons City Manager Debbie Lamb, and County Attorney Stephen Jones, for a period of thirty minutes to reconvene at 10:20 a.m.

### **Public Works Salvage Dump Truck Purchase**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the purchase of the salvaged 2006 Sterling dump truck for \$4,870.00 plus \$1,000.00 deductible. It will be paid from the settlement amount of \$40,628.00 which leaves a total of \$34,758.00 to be paid to Public Works. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Dump Truck Salvage Title**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Salvage Title Affidavit for the salvaged 2006 Sterling dump truck. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

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### **Commission Announcement**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court made a decision to move one of the Judges from presiding at the Labette County Judicial Center in Parsons, KS, to the Oswego Courthouse effective immediately. It is not known if this is a temporary or permanent action. There was no notice given to any of the entities that this will affect, and it will negatively impact the department budgets, and the taxpayers of Labette County. Labette County Attorney, Stephen Jones, spoke about the impact that having to staff and equip the offices in Parsons and Oswego will negatively affect his budget. It is unknown how this will affect subpoenas for witnesses and victims. Sheriff Darren Eichinger spoke about the need to hire additional personnel to cover court security for both court rooms. He estimates that he would need to hire three additional officers at approximately \$300,000.00. Equipment in the court room will also need to be updated. Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks spoke about the direct impact this decision will have on his department budget, due to increased mileage, over-time costs, and vehicle maintenance. He estimates the additional expense to his budget would be approximately \$50,000.00. Commissioner Vail commented that even after visiting with Judge Lynch, they still have no idea how long this change will last, so Commissioners will have to make the best of the situation, but it is distressing that the court system can put a burden on the tax payers in this way.

### **Public Works Road Discussion**

Public Works Director Sandy Krider, and Assistant Director Ralph George, discussed the condition of roads around the area of 400 Gray north, to 26,000 Road, east to Jackson Road, then north on Jackson to Neosho County. Contracted trucks are using roads in Labette County as a shortcut from the Neosho County Wind Farm operation. Ms. Krider is trying to track down exactly what entity is responsible for the damage to county roads, as well as what their designated route should be. These trucks have also been traveling over three 15-ton bridges that were just inspected in 2019. The end dump trailers, unloaded, would be above weight to travel over these bridges. Ms. Krider requested authorization to have the three bridges inspected again. Ms. Krider also requested authorization to close 19,000 from Gray to Ford for tree trimming during day hours.

### **19,000 Road Closure**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize 19,000 Road from Ford to Gray, be closed for a couple of days, during normal work day hours for tree trimming. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Commissioner Allen**

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

### **Accounts Payable - 2019**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 19964 through 19970 and 19976 through 19997 in the amount of \$36,608.99 for 2019 expenditures. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Accounts Payable – 2020**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 19971 through 19975 and 19998 through 20091 in the amount of \$361,991.97 for 2020 expenditures. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Absent), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of five minutes to reconvene at 11:51 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2020.

Attest

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County Clerk Gena Landis

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis