

Labette County Board of Commissioners
January 31, 2025

Convene

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 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

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2025. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Records Destruction – County Clerk’s Office – Payroll, Election & AP

Commissioner Tom Barrett made a motion at the request of the Labette County Clerk to authorize the Board of County Commissioners’ signatures on the letter approving the following records for destruction.

1. Time Cards and Leave Request Slips – Prior to 2020
2. Payroll records and other supporting documents – Prior to 2022
3. FMLA Records – Prior to 2022
4. DOT Drug Testing Results - 2022
5. Work Comp Records 11 years – Prior to 2014

All records are 2022 and prior.

1. Appointments and oaths of office of election board members
2. Affidavits and Advance voting and mail ballot envelopes containing voters’ declarations
3. All other election records used at polling places
4. Declination forms maintained by voter registration agencies and division of motor vehicles
5. Confirmation notices and responses
6. Ballots (county, city, school district and township ballots – retention 6 months)
7. Ballots (state & national prior to 2023 – retention 22 months)
8. Registration lists prior to 2019
9. Poll Books prior to 2019
10. Party Affiliation lists prior to 2019
11. Statements of Substantial Financial Interests
12. Tally Sheets
13. Voter Registration cancellation

All records are for 2022 and prior.

1. Vouchers or warrants for payment and supporting documents.
2. Invoices
3. Statements
4. Receipts

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

Resolution No. 2025-15-A – Montana Township Clerk

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2025-15-A appointing Jay Sramek as Montana Township Clerk replacing Jacqueline Addis until replaced or reassigned. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-16-A – Hackberry Township Clerk

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2025-16-A appointing Pam Baker as Hackberry Township Clerk replacing Rich Falkenstein 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).

Temporary Road Closure

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to allow the road closure at 25,000 Road and Pratt Road, North, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., on May 24th, 2025 for the Katy Days 5k run. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Warranty Deed

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on a warranty deed for the sale of the Katy Hospital at 412 Katy Ave, Parsons, KS 67357 for \$55,329.00 on behalf of Labette County Medical Center. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Juneteenth Foundation Presentation

CEO of the Juneteenth Foundation Sontana Johnson spoke to commissioners about the importance of celebrating the Juneteenth holiday.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for three minutes, and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Sparklight Connection

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on a three-year agreement with Sparklight for an additional connection to the Law Enforcement Building and the current connection to the courthouse, for a total cost of \$1700.00 per month. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Shift Differential Increase

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to increase hourly shift differential to \$1.00 per hour and the over-time shift differential to \$1.50 per hour effective with the February pay period. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Holiday Pay discussion

Dispatch Director Brandy Scott, Sheriff Darren Eichinger and Public Works Director Sandy Krider discussed the possibility of paying employees who are required to work a holiday, the overtime rate for the hours worked that day. This may be a policy change that would be effective with the July pay period.

Out of State Travel

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize Emergency Manager Charles Morse to travel to the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Grant Writing Training in Emmitsburg MD, March 17th through the 20th. Tom Barrett Seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for three minutes, and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

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 and Sanitation Officer Charles Morse for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:24 a.m. in the commission room.

High Risk Rural Road Grant Application

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a FFY 2025 High Risk Rural Road Project Funding Application for 3.5 miles of paved road on 24,000 Road from Gray Road to 24,500 Road. The projected project total is \$292,986.00 and the local share would be \$56,298.60 if granted. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Public Works Truck Purchase

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the purchase of three trucks for a total cost of \$153,560.00, payable out of the Special Machinery Fund, and approved the Accounts Payable Clerk to pay the invoice upon receipt. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for four minutes, and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

Payroll

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Payroll check numbers 1806 to 1807 in the amount of \$4,897.07 and Direct Deposit numbers 826121 through 826244 in the amount of \$375,641.24 for a total amount of \$380,538.31. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Accounts Payable 2024

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 36628 through 36630 in the amount of \$4102.46. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Accounts Payable 2025

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 36586 through 36627 in the amount of \$455,255.64. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-17-A – Inmate Housing

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2025-17-A recognizing the authority and support that the Labette County Sheriff in his duty and responsibility for setting the rates of inmates housed in the Labette County Jail under the laws of the State of Kansas. Tom Barrett 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 11:21 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 10, 2025.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Vincent B. Schibi