

Labette County Board of Commissioners

July 15, 2024

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 2024, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Cole J. Proehl, 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 by phone, Jessica Prebble from the Labette Avenue and Matt Jordan from KGGF.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of July 08, 2024. Cole J. Poehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Township Annual Reports

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to accept the 2024 Township Annual Reports. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Department Update

Emergency Manager Charles Morse met with commissioners to give an update on his department. Commissioners decided to have the generator repaired in the Emergency Operations Trailer and then sell it. Public Works will take the carport that it sits under. There are five radios left after distribution to the rural fire departments. It was decided that they would go to the USD Superintendents in the county.

Economic Development Discussion

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore, discussed ARPA funds, as well as the 2024 to 2034 Parsons Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

City of Chetopa - Mowing

Commissioners agreed to allow the Public Works Department employees to mow the Chetopa City lagoons. The City of Chetopa would be using county equipment, and Public Works Employees hired by the City of Chetopa. This work would be done after normal working hours for Public Works, and the City of Chetopa would also be responsible for the fuel and equipment maintenance while it was being used by them.

The Chetopa City Superintendent Scott Feagan also spoke with commissioners about a water line rupture that happened a few months ago in Chetopa. The repair bid was for \$99,500.00. Mr. Feagan asked commissioners if there was any help that the county could give. There is \$37,500.00 left of the ARPA Tribal Money Grant. Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to pay the remaining \$37,500.00 to the city of Chetopa to help with the water line repair. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement – Frontier Farm Credit

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and Frontier Farm Credit; their fee of \$225.00 has been paid. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl 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: Cole J. Proehl (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 10:38 a.m. in the commission room.

Budget Work Session

Commissioners will meet Wednesday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m. for a budget work session.

Budget

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to set the RNR hearings for 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2022, with the budget hearing to follow. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 22, 2024.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert