

Labette County Board of Commissioners
June 14, 2021

Convene

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 14, 2021, at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, Brian C. Kinzie, Present, Cole J. Proehl, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

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

Media Present

Colleen Williamson from the Parsons Sun, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio, Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue

Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement – Community National Bank & Trust

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement between Labette County and Community National Bank & Trust; their fee of \$225.00 has been paid. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021, as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Rural Opportunity Zone

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the \$3,000.00 allocation to the Rural Opportunity Zone, through the Kansas Department of Commerce, payable out of the County General Business Development Fund. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

ARPA

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize a one-time premium pay for employees, due to the fact they were deemed essential workers during the pandemic. This is dependent on the final guidelines from the Treasury Department allowing such payments and approval of the County Counselor. Eligible employees must have been hired before May 1st, 2021 and are current employees, and excludes the Commissioners and the Health Department. Department Heads and Elected Officials would receive \$2,500.00, Assistant Department Heads and Deputies would receive \$2,250.00, and hourly employees would receive \$2,000.00. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis left the Commission meeting at 9:21 a.m., and Election Clerk Becky Czapansky took over taking meeting minutes.

KOMA Training

Kansas Assistant Attorney General Philip R. Michael met with all three County Commissioners for a one-hour training over the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

Citizen Comment

John Williamson, a Labette County resident, spoke to Commissioners about his concerns regarding wind farms.

County Clerk

County Clerk Gena Landis returned to the meeting and took over taking meeting minutes at 11:05 a.m.

Citizen Comment

Ron Neidigh, a Labette County resident, spoke to Commissioners about his concerns regarding wind farms.

Budget Meeting

Commissioners agreed that they would meet in special session on June 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to work on the 2022 budget.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 24597 through 24733 in the amount of \$345,315.46. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Budget Discussion with Rodney Burns, Auditor

Commissioners discussed some budget issues with the Auditor Rodney Burns.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an Engagement Letter with Rodney M. Burns, LLC to assist the county with budget preparation at a cost of \$1,400.00 plus any out-of-pocket expenses. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (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. Protect the privilege and the board's position (in litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.). Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes) Cole J. Proehl (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:53 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis