

Labette County Board of Commissioners
June 9, 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 June 9, 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

Jessica Preble of the Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Surplus Property

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to declare a Pitney Bowes Connect + 2000, PCN-MSF Postage machine as surplus and allow Pitney Bowes to remove it upon delivery of the new machine. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Resolution No. 2025-29-A

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2025-29-A resolving invoices in the amount of \$40.00, which is a portion of the \$2,242.91 owed towards the delinquent taxes of Stanley and Michelle Altendorf. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Labette Community College – Agreement for Purchase of Services

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Agreement for Purchase of Services by and between Labette Community College and Labette County; said agreement provides for LCC to provide educational training programs to assist qualified employers to train their employees in job related skills and Labette County provides such services as classroom facilities, Equipment usage, Faculty, Consulting, Supplies and other services as may be agreed upon. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Election Canvass Date

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to set the canvass date for the 2025 primary election to be held August 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

RNR

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Commissioners will also need to approve exceeding the RNR at a later date, when they have a proposed mill levy.

Appraiser Budget

Commissioners met with Appraiser Melody Kikkert to go over her 2026 budget.

Grader Quotes

Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Director Ralph George presented commissioners quotes for new motor graders.

Foley Equipment, Chanute, KS, two 2024 - Cat 150-15J \$696,000.00

Murphy Tractor, Humboldt, KS, two 2025 – JD770G \$711,600.00

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the purchase of two Cat 150-15J Motor Graders from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$696,000.00, with the two graders they will replace to be sold on Purple Wave after being declared surplus property. Ms. Krider will get financing bids. 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 three minutes, and reconvened at 9:46 a.m.

Department Head Discussion

Several Labette County Department Heads met with commissioners to discuss Resolution 2025-28-A, a resolution appointing Melody Kikkert as a full-time appraiser. Concerns were raised about the fact that she was hired as a full-time appraiser for an annual salary of \$90,000.00 but will work reduced hours in Labette County due to the fact that she is also employed full-time by Montgomery County.

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to rescind Resolution 2025-28-A. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Signature Authorization

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the County Clerk Gena Landis to electronically sign an agreement with Nationwide Retirement. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson had previously read the document and had no objection to the agreement.

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 for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:43 a.m. in the commission room.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 37589 through 37681 in the amount of \$93,726.68. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Budget Work Session

Commissioners will meet Friday, June 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for a budget work session.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 13, 2025.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Vincent B. Schibi