

## **Labette County Board of Commissioners**

### **March 7, 2022**

#### **Convene**

Chairman Lonie R. Addis called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2022 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present, Cole J. Proehl, Present, Terry Weidert, Present

#### **Others Present for the Meeting**

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Deputy County Clerk Lorrie Boulware.

#### **Media Present**

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun, Matt Jordan from KGGF Radio and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022 as submitted. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

#### **KDOT – Turn Lanes**

Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT District Four Engineer, reported the findings of a study done on US Highway 59 at the Jothi Avenue intersection concerning the speed limit and turn lanes. The study was requested because of a new daycare facility opening in that area. The report shows that the speed limit would not need to be changed. A left turn lane for the south bound lane would meet the requirements but is not considered a high priority by KDOT and no funding would be available. The County could get a permit to move forward with the project but would be responsible for the funding. Mr. Gudmonson said that there could potentially be federal funds available for infrastructure safety and improvements but nothing was confirmed at this time. He also stated that this study was on the list for follow-up field review.

#### **Burn Ban Discussion**

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott met with commissioners concerning a burn ban. She stated that the majority of the fire chiefs in the area don't feel that one is needed at this time. There will be a meeting of the fire chiefs on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 and there will be further discussion at that time.

There was also a discussion between Commissioner Addis and County Counselor Brian Johnson concerning burn bans by the cities. Commissioner Addis stated that the cities of Chetopa, Oswego and Parsons had passed ordinances in the past so that when a burn ban is put in place at the county level, it is also in place for those cities. Commissioner Addis asked the County Counselor to visit with the other cities in the county to see if they would like to pass similar ordinances.

#### **Paging Repeater Quote**

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott presented a quote from TBS Electronics, Inc. for relocating the paging repeater equipment. The equipment is now housed at the Labette Health EMS building in Oswego. They will be moving to a new location and the equipment will need to be relocated to the tower in front of the Sheriff/Dispatch building. The quote was to relocate the equipment and replace the antennas and coax on the tower. Commissioner Addis made a motion to authorize 911 Dispatch Director Brandy Scott to negotiate with TBS Electronics, Inc. for the heavy-duty antenna option at a cost of \$3,354.00, half payable from the 911 fund and half payable from Emergency Management. Commissioner Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Enterprise Fleet Discussion**

Sheriff Darren Eichinger and Patrol Corporal Dusty Conrad met with Commissioners for further discussion concerning the possibility of contracting with Enterprise Fleet Management to provide leased vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Corporal Conrad presented a spreadsheet showing the vehicles that would be leased over the next three years. There was also discussion concerning the trucks that have been ordered for the Sheriff's department from Mike Carpino Ford in Parsons. Enterprise would purchase those directly from Mike Carpino Ford and would then lease them to the Sheriff's department. He also explained the equity that would build up over the years of the lease agreement. According to Corporal Conrad, a decision about County participation in the lease program will need to be made soon. Commissioner Addis asked Sheriff Eichinger and Corporal Conrad to talk with Auditor Rodney Burns about budget requirements and report their findings to the Commission. It was also requested by the Commission that Sheriff Eichinger, Corporal Conrad and Public Works Director Sandy Krider be in next week's commission meeting for further discussion.

### **Health Department Generator**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl gave an update on the Health Department generator.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session regarding 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.) Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for five minutes to reconvene at 10:23 a.m.

### **Enterprise Fleet Discussion – Phone Call**

Sheriff Darren Eichinger spoke by phone with the Commissioners concerning his phone conversation with Auditor Rodney Burns about budget requirements for the lease with Enterprise. Mr. Burns suggested a resolution be written by County Counselor Brian Johnson to set up a reserve account for equity funds. The County Counselor will contact Mr. Burns.

### **Citizen Comment**

A citizen asked a question concerning the truck lease program with Enterprise.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2022.

Attest

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Deputy County Clerk, Lorrie Boulware

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Chairman, Lonie R. Addis