

Labette County Board of Commissioners
March 8, 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 March 8, 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

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Wind Farm Motion

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion that Labette County Kansas, within its confines and boundaries, nullify any wind farms from being constructed, and allow no wind farms in this county. He also instructed that the County Counselor be allowed to extend the moratorium or pursue something permanent to restrict wind farm construction. The motion died for lack of a second.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 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).

Department Head Pay

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie moved to allow compensation in the amount of two (2) vacation days plus \$500.00 for the Jail Administrator for the severe cold weather closure compensation, February 16 & 17, 2021. The employee was unintentionally missed in the motion from the February 26, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Public Works Position

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to allow Public Works Director Sandy Krider to hire an experienced mechanic with a CDL at Range 19 step 300, \$18.75. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Board of Health Convened

Chairman Lonie R. Addis recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:13 a.m. and convened the Board of Health.

Grant Application

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to authorize the Board of Health Chairman's signature on the State of Kansas Grant Application. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Ms. Hoppock updated Commissioners on the number of COVID cases in Labette County, as well as the latest information on vaccine distribution.

Board of Health – Adjourned

Chairman Lonie R. Addis adjourned the Board of Health at 9:34 a.m. and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Emergency Manager Discussion

Emergency Manager Charles Morse gave Commissioners copies of a petition that was circulating on social media by Lindsey Wilson, to stop a wind farm from coming to Labette County.

Wind Farm Motion

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion that Labette County Kansas, by legal means, prevent wind farms or wind turbines from being erected within the boundaries of Labette County Kansas. The motion died for lack of a second.

2020 SWM Annual Review

Emergency Manager Charles Morse discussed the Solid Waste Management plan that is now requiring an annual review. Commissioners reviewed the membership list as well.

Mr. Morse and Commissioners also discussed Sewer District #1 issues.

911 Dispatch Legislation

911 Dispatch Director Brandy Grassl informed Commissioners about legislation that is in Committee, that would recognize 911 Dispatchers as first responders.

Executive Session

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson, and County Clerk Gena Landis, for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:36 a.m.

Executive Session

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Cole J. Proehl 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 10:52 a.m.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

Air Trailer

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a declaration, that at no time has the Board of County Commissioners budgeted for an air trailer.

Executive Session

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Evergy Discussion

Commissioner Brian C. Kinzie made a motion to not approve the sale of the easement for the cemetery north of Oswego to Evergy. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (No).

Juvenile Diversion Supervision Agreement

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Juvenile Diversion Supervision Agreement between the Cherokee County Attorney, Cherokee County, Kansas, and the LB-CK Juvenile Services and the Board of County Commissioners of Labette County, Kansas. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Accounts Payable - 2020

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers, 23951 in the amount of \$10,926.95 for 2020 expenditures. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), Brian C. Kinzie (Yes) Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Accounts Payable – 2021

Chairman Lonie R. Addis made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 23846 through 23950 in the amount of \$82,902.78 for 2021 expenditures. 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

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Policy Amendment

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to leave the work from home policy up to the individual department heads. Brian C. Kinzie seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (No), Brian C. Kinzie (No), Cole J. Proehl (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting to a work session to look at a road at 12:35 p.m., and reconvened at 2:59 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 15, 2021.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Lonie R. Addis