

Labette County Board of Commissioners

March 9, 2026

Convene

Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2026, 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

Hannah Emberton from the Parsons Sun and Matt Jordan from KGGF.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2026. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on an interlocal agreement between Labette County and the City of Edna, Kansas to agree to consider and adopt a neighborhood revitalization plan. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

County Expedition Repair

Commissioners agreed to pay Vails Automotive \$736.96 for repairs to the county Ford Expedition.

Grant Application

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment Grant Application for the Labette County Health Department. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Out of State Training

Commissioners agreed to allow Emergency Manager Charles Morse to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for out-of-state training from May 31, 2026, to June 4, 2026, for a Flood Plain Conference

Labette Health Update

President and CEO of Labette Health, Brian Williams met with commissioners to discuss SEK Health COOP, KS Rural Health Transformation Program and an Interlocal Agreement between Labette Health and the Neodesha EMS.

Dust Control

Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Public Works Director Ralph George presented bids for dust control. Commissioners agreed to accept the bid from Scotwood Industries, Inc. for dust control in Labette County. The 2026 cost will be \$454.00 plus sales tax for 400 feet (400 feet by 18 feet of roadway). An additional surcharge of \$50.00 will be added, which is the same charge as last year. The other quote was from Platte River Dust Control with a quote of \$483.00 plus tax and a \$50.00 surcharge.

Executive Session

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi 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.) Terry Weidert 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, Public Works Director Sandy Krider and Assistant Director Ralph George for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:30 a.m. in the commission room.

Noxious Weed – Annual Eradication Progress Report 2025

Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George presented and discussed with Commissioners the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2025. Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2025 as submitted by Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Register of Deeds Department Update

Register of Deeds Raymond Scales met with commissioners to give them a department update. Raymond will be retiring at the end of May, and he has hired a clerk that will start training on April 1st. The applicant was granted longevity for previous years of service with the county. Starting pay will be at Range 16, Step 800 \$19.25 per hour.

Accounts Payable 2025

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check number 40003 in the amount of \$18,584.00. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Accounts Payable 2026

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 39902 through 40002 in the amount of \$226,643.48. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Appraiser's Parcel Search Agreement – Lehman Realty

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

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Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 16, 2026.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Tom Barrett