

## **Labette County Board of Commissioners May 11, 2026**

### **Convene**

Chairman Tom Barrett called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 11, 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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 2026. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Labette Conservation District – 2027 Budget**

Commissioners met with Labette Conservation District Manager Elissa Robison and Board Members Viri Costa and Jared Nash, to discuss their 2027 budget request of \$30,000.00, which is the same as 2026.

### **Postalocity Estimate**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the quote from Postalocity for the approximate cost of mailing the RNR notices for 2026 for \$13,766.99. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **ARPA Discussion**

Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore discussed ARPA funds and deadlines since the ARPA program will be ending at the end of 2026.

### **NRP Discussion**

Appraiser Melody Kikkert met with commissioners to discuss an NRP application under the interlocal agreement with the City of Parsons, KS. No action taken.

### **Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for Dakota Payne. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Recess**

Commissioners recessed their meeting for six minutes and reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

### **Road Study**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve a traffic speed safety study to be done on Ness Road from Highway 400 to the Parsons City Limits by CFS Engineers for \$17,292.00. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Kansas State Fair Exhibit Participation**

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to authorize Labette County participation in the Kansas State Fair America 250 Celebration exhibit. The cost will be \$250.00 payable to the state fair if there are at least 56 counties that will be willing to participate. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Courthouse Entry Lights**

Commissioner Tom Barrett made a motion to accept the quote from ICR Electric LLC, Oswego, to install five four-foot RAB LED light fixtures in the entryway of the courthouse for \$1,250.00, which includes material and labor. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Courthouse Picnic Table Purchase**

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the purchase of three round picnic tables from Amazon for the price of \$2,070.60. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

### **Accounts Payable**

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check number 40382 through 40476 in the amount of \$142,219.17. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Executive Session**

Chairman Tom Barrett 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, for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 11:18 a.m. in the commission room.

### **Counteroffer**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize County Counselor Brian K. Johnson to make a counteroffer for the Labette County Commission. Tom Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

### **Department Heads**

Commissioners will begin meeting with department heads to review budgets on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Meeting Cancellation**

Commissioners agreed to cancel the Commission Meeting for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026.

Attest

---

County Clerk, Gena Landis

---

Chairman, Tom Barrett