

Labette County Board of Commissioners May 26, 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 26, 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

None.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2026. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Surplus Property

Commissioner Terry Weidert made a motion to declare the Register of Deeds Raymond Scales chair surplus property and allow him to keep it after he retires. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioners agreed to cancel the June 29th meeting.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for two minutes and reconvened at 9:19 a.m.

Executive Session

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss confidential financial data or trade secrets of a business to protect the interests of the business to be discussed. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes). Also present County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Neosho Township Fire Department Chief Keith Keller for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 9:35 a.m. in the commission room.

Western Kansas Fire Update

Neosho Township Fire Department Chief Keith Keller and Emergency Manager Charles Morse gave commissioners an update on their experiences fighting fires in western Kansas.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for two minutes and reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Tom Barrett made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check number 40477 through 40553 in the amount of \$110,217.55. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Tom Barrett (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Sparklight Account

Commissioners granted AP Clerk Lorrie Boulware authority to pay the county Sparklight invoices by credit card due to the inability of Sparklight to properly process the county AP checks.

Budget

Register of Deeds Raymond Scales and Deputy Register of Deeds Jenifer Gilley met with the Commissioners to review the 2027 budget for their department.

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 11:05 a.m. in the commission room.

Work Session

Commissioners recessed into a budget work session at 11:05 a.m.

Reconvene

The regular session reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2026.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Tom Barrett