

Labette County Board of Commissioners
May 8, 2023

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 8, 2023 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Cole J. Proehl, 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

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from the Labette Avenue.

Bid Opening – 9:00 A.M. – Sewer District #1

Chairman Terry Weidert opened the following bids for completing Sewer District #1 repairs:

Bennett, Inc, Lamar, MO –Total Cost \$267,200.00
Tri-Star Utilities, Inc., Independence, KS –Total Cost \$342,500.00

The maximum amount that was approved on the bid specs was \$223,200.00.

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to reject both bids, and rebid the project. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2023 as submitted. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

CIC Invoice

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on an agreement for server migration in the amount of \$2,400.00. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioners agreed to cancel the meeting for May 30, 2023. There will be a regular meeting on May 31, 2023.

Window Update

Custodial Engineer Chris Lahey met with Commissioners about the findings from Mid Central Contract Services, about courthouse leaks. The leaks are coming from windows.

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to accept the proposal to repair all leaking or broken windows in the courthouse, from Mid Central Contract Services in the amount of \$14,250.00. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to accept the proposal to repair four areas of determined leaks on the roof of the Law Enforcement Building, from Mid Central Contract Services in the amount of \$5,200.00. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Plus Power

Nate Bell, Project Developer and Ben Weisel, Permit Director with Plus Power, met with commissioners to discuss the potential for developing a battery energy storage facility in Labette County.

ARPA Discussion

Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski and Parsons Community Development Director Laura Moore, discussed ARPA funds.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 30909 through 31009 in the amount of \$212,490.37. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Jury Duty Fees

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following check: Jury Duty Fee check numbers 902823 through 902948 in the amount of \$2,918.06. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl 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.) Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes). Also present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Sheriff Darren Eichinger for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 11:43 a.m. in the commission room.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2023.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert