

Labette County Board of Commissioners
November 12, 2024

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:03 a.m. on November 12, 2024, 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 with the Parsons Sun.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of October 31, 2024. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Rural Hospital Innovation Grant

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on a RHIG Agreement between KDHE and Labette County for sub-recipient Labette Health. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

Weed Chemical Bids

Noxious Weed Supervisor Ralph George presented the Commissioners with chemical bids from two suppliers – the quotes include Escort, Crossbow, Outrider, Glyphosate, 2,4-D Amine and Pasturegard. (these chemicals will be for county use only)

Nutrien Solutions	\$15,789.70
Van Diest Supply	\$14,294.35

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the Noxious Weed Department to purchase the 2025 chemicals from Van Diest Supply for \$14,294.35. The purchase is payable from the Noxious Weed Fund, 128-128-3001. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Indigent Defense Agreement – Gayoso– 2025

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners’ signatures on an Agreement between the Labette County Board of Commissioners and Candace Brewster Gayoso as Indigent Defense Attorney for the year of 2025 at a rate of \$3,500.00 per month plus any associated expenses. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Indigent Defense Agreement – Meeks– 2025

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Board of Commissioners’ signatures on an Agreement between the Labette County Board of Commissioners and Justin Meeks as Indigent Defense Attorney for the year of 2025 at a rate of \$3,500.00 per month plus any associated expenses. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes)

Burn Ban

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to rescind the burn ban that was enacted on October 21st. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes).

SEK-CAP

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on a letter of support and a letter of commitment to pay \$3,000.00 to help support SEK-CAP's general public transportation program. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Property Drainpipe

Labette County land-owner Bobby Glover and Attorney Lucas Nodine met with commissioners to discuss a request for running a drainpipe under a county road.

Letter of Support

Ideatek PR Manager James Krstolich presented commissioners the (BEAD) Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program project overview they hope to start in Labette County. Mr. Krstolich requested a letter of support from the county. No action was taken.

Spyglass

Spyglass Account Executive Bill Lawrence met with commissioners via phone to discuss services they can provide the county.

Jail Repair Quotes

Sheriff Darren Eichinger and Jail Administrator Brian Harlow presented commissioners with quotes they had received from Mid Central Contract Services to repair water leak issues in the jail. Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve payment on two water closets and a return pump in the amount of \$15,204.00 payable out of the county general fund.

City of Chetopa NRP

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Chetopa and Labette County for a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Resolution No. 2024-38-L

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution No. 2024-38-L adopting a neighborhood revitalization plan for the City of Chetopa. Vincent B. Schibi 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 two minutes and reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

Insurance Renewal

Commissioners met with Bukaty Company representatives Stephen Euston and Cortny Hutchinson to discuss options for the 2025 health insurance contract. Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to stay at the \$50,000.00 stop loss and to keep employee premiums at the 2024 rates. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to change the budgeted health insurance amount from \$700.00 to \$600.00 per employee per month for 2025. 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 approve the ancillary insurance options of MASA and Legal Shield as additional voluntary insurance options effective 2025. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Holiday Luncheon

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the closure of the courthouse between noon and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, for the annual Courthouse Holiday Luncheon.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 35785 through 35893 in the amount of \$190,861.62. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Executive Session

Chairman Terry Weidert 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.) Cole J. Proehl 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, for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 12:20 a.m. in the commission room.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 18, 2024.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert