

Labette County Board of Commissioners November 18, 2019

Convene

Chairman T. Douglas Allen called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 2019 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Lonie R. Addis, Present: T. Douglas Allen, Present: Fred E. Vail, Present.

Others Present for the Meeting

County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and County Clerk Peggy Minor.

Media present

Ray Nolting from the Parsons Sun.

Board of Canvassers – 9:01 a.m.

Chairman T. Douglas Allen recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:01 a.m. and convened the Board of Canvassers to canvass the City/School General Election of November 05, 2019. The Board of Canvassers confirmed the vote count of 2,898 of which were counted thru the DS450 Ballot Scanner and fifteen Hand Count Votes for a total of 2,913 and then listened as Election Clerk Becky Czapansky revealed the reasons for the thirty-eight (38) provisional ballots; twenty-nine (twenty-eight plus one partial) provisional ballots were counted.

The Postelection Audit was also performed for the City School General. There were nine races available for drawing of which two were randomly drawn from a container by County Treasurer Crystal Addis at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 06, 2019; races drawn were USD 503 School Board and Chetopa City Council. On the USD 503 School Board – there were sixteen available precincts to be drawn from – Parsons Ward 3 Precinct 1 was drawn. On the Chetopa City Council – there were three available wards to be drawn from – Chetopa Ward 2 was drawn. Postelection Audit Board Workers' training was performed at 8:00 a.m. November 7, 2019 at the Labette County Courthouse; the Audit Board consisted of three workers. The Postelection Audit was performed on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission Room, Labette County Courthouse. The results were the same as was counted by the DS450 Ballot Scanner on Election night: USD 503 School Board – DS450 – 89 and Hand count – 89; Chetopa City Council – DS450 – 244 and Hand count – 244.

Board Canvassers – Recessed

Chairman T. Douglas Allen recessed the Board of Canvassers at 9:52 a.m. to give the Election Clerks time to open and count the allowed provisional ballots.

Reconvene

The Board of Commissioners reconvened at 9:52 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of November 08, 2019 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Executive Session

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). The only other one present was County Counselor Brian K. Johnson for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:10 a.m.

Septic System Variance

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to authorize – one time only – clearly established that the Commissioners do not set precedent in this matter – the variance where a lagoon is sitting to the proximity of a house and this one exception or allowance will be at 484 12,000 Road, Mound

Valley, Kansas. The distance from the house foundation to the outside bottom of the lagoon berm should be fifty (50) feet at a minimum but this one was only thirty-four (34) feet two (2) inches due to having an addition added on to the house. Chairman Allen also added that it is understood that the property is in violation of the setback but the Board of Commissioners are going to waive one time because all parties are aware and it was an inadvertent encroachment on the setback. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Charlie Morse – Proposed Legislation – Emergency Medical Response Agencies (Volunteers)

The Kansas EMS Board is proposing legislation that will affect what the volunteer firemen and EMT's are allowed to do when on a call; medically they would only be able to do CPR, First Aid and apply an AED (automated external defibrillator). If the legislation is passed the volunteers would basically have to be licensed like a regular EMS person. After some discussion between the Commissioners and Charlie – Commissioners authorized Charlie to write a letter on behalf of the Labette County and the Fire Chiefs opposing this legislation.

Resolution 2019-27-A – Great Plains Development Authority – Industrial Revenue Bonds

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to adopt and execute Resolution No. 2019-27-A a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Labette County, Kansas, conferring authority upon the Great Plains Development Authority to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds in the Great Plains Redevelopment District. Chairman Allen also stated GPDA already has that authority this is just a resolution of this Board supporting and recognizing the action that GPDA can take. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Great Plains Industrial Park Director Brad Reams and Project Manager Becky Dantic were present for the signing of the resolution.

Mount Pleasant Township Treasurer – Resignation

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to accept the resignation of Perry House from the Mount Pleasant Township Treasurer position effective December 31, 2019. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Moratorium Commercial Wind Energy Projects – Advisory Board Discussion

Commissioner discussed the composition of the Wind Energy Project Advisory Board in length. It was decided that each commissioner would bring their proposal to the Commission meeting on November 27th for discussion.

Board of Canvassers

Chairman T. Douglas Allen recessed the Board of Commissioners at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the Board of Canvassers. The provisional ballots were added to the totals bringing the grand total of votes cast to 2,942. The Board of Canvassers (Chairman T. Douglas Allen, Commissioner Fred E. Vail and Commissioner Lonie R. Addis) signed off on the November 5, 2019 City/School General Election Abstract. (Total Registered Voters – 13,591 with 2,942 voters equals 21.65%) Chairman T. Douglas Allen adjourned the Board of Canvassers at 11:25 a.m.

Reconvene

The Board of Commissioners reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Biometric Screenings

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis informed the other Commissioners that Labette County's Blue Cross Blue Shield self-funded group health insurance coverage does not have any benefit as a group for biometric screenings. If the County would choose to have the screenings done, each person would have to be billed separately and would be responsible for any charge not covered under their benefits. Labette County will not be participating in the Biometric Screenings.

Meeting – Cancelled

The Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019 has been cancelled. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

Work Session

Commissioner recessed into a work session at 11:38 a.m. to travel to the Public Works Department in Altamont to attend their Thanksgiving Dinner. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, T. Douglas Allen