

Labette County Board of Commissioners
October 15, 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 October 15, 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

None present.

Martin's Cleaning Crew, LLC – Monthly Increase

Commissioner T. Douglas Allen made a motion to increase the monthly rate for Martin's Cleaning Crew, LLC from \$2,600.00 to \$2,697.50 (an increase of 3.75%) to provide janitorial services to the Judicial Center, Judicial Center Annex and the Labette County Health Department effective with the next billing cycle or with the next invoice. Fred E. Vail 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 non-elected personnel dealing with an employee evaluation. T. Douglas Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Others present were County Counselor Brian K. Johnson and Emergency Operations Director/Sanitation Officer Charlie Morse for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 9:20 a.m.

Emergency Operations Director Charlie Morse – Various Updates

Mr. Morse gave updates on the following topics. Southeast KEMA group toured the John Redman Dam this month – it was a very educational trip especially in regards to the flood gates being opened. Sewer District No. 1 had a meeting this morning – a maintenance program was discussed and possibly a new contract proposal in the near future. The Sewer District would also like for the county to store the parts for the pumps, etc. instead of paying CDL the 40% markup to keep the parts. There will be a Solid Waste meeting this evening – hoping for a quorum so Charlie can sign the Solid Waste contract; with the new contract the company can ask for more money for fuel and trucking increases. Presented Commissioners with the document he uses to track the lagoons and inspections. River Level gauge – It has been repaired but still a wire gauge which requires human interaction to go out a read it – most of time not an issue but to read during flood time sometimes it needs to be read every thirty minutes (also if read during dark and flood time it is more dangerous for someone to go down and read it). There has been some discussion about replacing it with an electronic gauge (Corp of Engineers along with USDS would be responsible for that) but the problem is the county requests them to do that there would be a monthly monitoring fee of \$150.00 that the county would have to take care of. There has been some discussion about splitting the cost with Cherokee County; to actually get the gauge installed it would cost around \$20,000.00. If the county would qualify for the grant program and get everything ready for it and get it signed off on, it would be installed. Parsons is the last automatic gauge between here and Miami, Oklahoma; this may be a good enough reason for it to be installed at no cost to the counties.

Great Plain Industrial Park (GPIP/GPDA) – Updates

Park Director Brad Reams, Project Manager Becky Dantic and Property Manager Tim Peoples met with Commissioners to give various updates on the GPIP. Becky Dantic (economic development updates) stated they have a new three-year lease with Taylor Crane on two buildings in the 1400 area (currently just used for storage); a lease extension with Progress on a month to month basis and also five new prospects. Tim Peoples (property updates) stated went thru KDHE inspection on water only thing that was wrong was they did not have an emergency supply water plan (this year that is a requirement); they also went thru a Landfill Inspection – the only issue there was the ruts that were created when some monitoring wells were put in. They had their

first water leak this weekend since the new water line; the leak was actually on the old water line which services the D & Z Office. Becky Dantic also stated they had a meeting with the Department of Agriculture for a prospect on a project for growing industrial hemp. Brad Reams (strategic planning) stated hopefully they will have some information on a couple of projects that may material within the next week or two.

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Military Leave – Vacation/Sick/Holiday Leave

The Labette County Board of Commissioners are reaffirming their position that any Labette County employee on military leave for six (6) months or longer shall not accumulate holiday leave, sick leave or vacation pay. If any employees were to incorrectly receive such time, the Labette County Clerk's Office is authorized to make these changes to the calculations of time in accordance with this position.

Higher Calling Technologies – Computer – Public Works

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize Public Works to purchase from Higher Calling Technologies one HP EliteDesk 705 G4 Desktop Computer and one HP 23.8-inch LED Monitor for \$958.00 payable from the Public Works Fund – Capital Outlay. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Approval of Minutes

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of October 07, 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).

Public Works – Motor Grader Operator

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to allow a Step Increase for a Motor Grader Operator from Range 15 Step 1 (A) - \$13.90 to Range 15 Step 400 (F) - \$15.35 effective starting September 24, 2019 so it would be on the October 31st pay check. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Jury Duty Fees

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Jury Duty Fee check nos. 901823 thru 901856 in the amount of \$1,066.04. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Accounts Payable

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check nos. 18883 thru 19022 in the amount of \$348,925.14. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

Public Works – 3,000 Road

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to authorize Public Works to mill two (2) miles of 3,000 Road this fall and winter in preparation of chipping and sealing it the following year; it will probably cost around \$12,000 to \$15,000 per mile for the milling, chipping, sealing and rock. Commissioner stated he will not second the motion. Chairman Allen stated he did not know enough about the road to second the motion for that big of an expenditure; he felt he needed to go look at it. Commissioner Addis stated he might compromise and authorize a mile and then put it in rock and then let it sit for two years. Commission Addis was also concerned because there is a state highway located a mile to the north of the road. The motion died for lack of a second.

Emergency Management Director/Sanitation Officer - Salary

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion that the Board of Commissioners in consideration of law make Charles Morse (Job Duties are Emergency Management Director, Sanitation Officer, Floodplain Administrator,

Solid Waste Director, Sewer District #1 Administrator, GPIP Code Enforcement and LEPC Program Overseer) a salary position under Administrative Duties at an annual salary of \$46,500 commencing January 1, 2020 with one-third to be paid from of the Emergency Preparedness Fund (001-008) and two-thirds from the Health Fund (120-120). Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes). Commissioners immediately informed Charles Morse by phone of their action.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 21, 2019.

Attest

County Clerk Peggy Minor

Chairman, T. Douglas Allen