

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**October 21, 2024**

**Convene**

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:03 a.m. on October 21, 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**

Jessica Preble from The Labette Avenue.

**Citizen Discussion**

Commissioners spoke with Paul and Kristy Hamilton about county road improvements.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the individual(s) to be discussed. 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 Clerk Gena Landis and Anderson County Assistant Appraiser Andrew Long, for a period of twenty minutes to reconvene at 9:37 a.m. in the commission room.

**Recess**

Commissioners recessed their meeting for four minutes, and reconvened at 9:41 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Vince B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

**Pest Control Quotes**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to accept the quote from Rottler Pest Solutions in the amount of \$534.00 per month for pest control in the Courthouse, Sherriff/Jail/Dispatch, Public Works, Judicial Center, Judicial Center Annex, Health Department and LB-CK Juvenile Building. The other quote that was received was for Mid America Pest Control, LLC for \$2,065.00 per month for pest control in the buildings listed above. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

**Battery Storage Discussion**

USD 504 Superintendent Mitchell Shaw met with commissioners to discuss the battery storage project that will be built near Service Valley Charter Academy.

**Resolution No. 2024-35-L – Burn Ban**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2024-35-L establishing a Burn Ban in Labette County to become effective after publication in the county newspaper. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect until action is taken by the Board of County Commissioners to terminate.

## **Executive Session**

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to go into executive session for security to discuss matters relating to the security of a public body or agency, public building, or the information system thereof. 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, County Clerk Gena Landis, and Emergency Manager Charles Morse for a period of fifteen minutes to reconvene at 10:30 a.m. in the commission room.

## **Recess**

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

## **Brightspeed**

Brightspeed Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Director John Idoux presented commissioners the (BEAD) Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program project overview they hope to start in Labette County.

## **2024 Community Corrections – Year End Outcome Report**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FY 2024 Community Corrections Year End Outcome Report Signatory Approval Form. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

## **Rural Opportunity Zone**

Commissioners discussed the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2024. There was no action taken.

## **Countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application for Tim and Debbie Hucke. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

## **Position Transfers**

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on a position transfer for Jonathon Davis to move from Deputy to Deputy K-9 Handler, Range 24 D to 25 D, Bryan Siu to move from Deputy to Deputy K-9 Handler, Range 24 C to 25 C, effective with the October pay period. Beth Spencer will move from Assistant Cartographer to Commercial Property Trainee, Range 19 D to 20 D, effective with the November pay period. 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, and County Clerk Gena Landis for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 11:35 a.m. in the commission room.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Attest

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County Clerk, Gena Landis

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Chairman, Terry Weidert