

**Labette County Board of Commissioners**  
**October 28, 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 28, 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 and Rudy Taylor from the Labette Avenue.

**Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Grant Application - 2019**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funds Application for 2019. Fred E. Vail seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas (Yes), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Fred E. Vail made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2019 as submitted. Lonie R. Addis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Lonie R. Addis (Yes), T. Douglas Allen (Abstain), Fred E. Vail (Yes).

**Special Commission Meeting**

Commissioners discussed having a Special Commission meeting on Friday, November 8, 2019 to approve Accounts Payable due to the fact that Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is a legal holiday for Labette County and the Labette County Commission plan on attending the annual Kansas Association of Counties Conference scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> thru November 14<sup>th</sup> in Wichita. No official action taken. Two Commissioners plan on attending the "Grow Labette" kickoff presentation on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 in Parsons.

**Stop Signs – 22,000 & Irving Roads**

Commissioners talked with Jeff Sexton (representing Pleasant Hill Community Church) about putting stop signs at the corner of 22,000 and Irving Roads. Mr. Sexton stated that the church had expanded and now there are blind spots at the corner. After a brief discussion Commissioners agreed that an engineering study will be done by Cook Flatt and Strobel Engineering regarding the corner to see if stop signs are needed. Commissioner Addis explained that first the engineering study will need to be done; if the study recommends the stop signs be installed then a legislative resolution will be initiated and adopted by the Commissioners, published in the official county newspaper then distributed to the Clerk of the District Court, the Sheriff's Department and Public Works.

**SEK Juvenile Detention Third Quarter Report**

Commissioner Lonie R. Addis gave a brief report on the SEK Juvenile Detention Third Quarter.

**Labette-Cherokee Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB)**

JJA Director Gina Dolechek informed Commissioners that Mary Burke is no longer an active member of the JCAB Board. The Labette-Cherokee Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board would recommend that Sean Gilmore be appointed to the JCAB as the Cherokee County medical representative. Commissioners agreed to do a resolution to appoint the individual in the very near future.

**Neosho Ridge Wind Energy Project Discussion**

Commissioners talked with Neosho County Commissioner District #1 Paul Westhoff about the Wind Farms in Neosho County and his experience with them so far. Some of highlights are as follows: ninety percent (90%) of the leases are held by three or four landowners with actually seventy percent (70%) held by one landowner; the contracts APEX (Wind Farms) have with the landowners have a non-disclosure part so no one knows exactly

what the other landowners are receiving; APEX has approximately 55,000 acres already leased in Neosho County; some of the concerns Neosho County are having with the Wind Farm are the possible health issues, infrastructure and the flickering; Neosho County received an initial payment of \$1,500,000 million in revenue this year – receiving nothing next year and \$1,000,000 annual contribution for the nine years and \$500,000 for the tenth annual contribution. Mr. Westhoff presented the Commissioners with the Neosho County Agreements with Neosho Ridge Wind Energy Project for the Contribution Agreement, Decommissioning Agreement, Road Use and Maintenance Agreement, Agreement regarding Wind Project and Transmission Facilities and the Resolution adopting a Moratorium on Consideration of Special Requests to use Neosho County Roads, Resources and Infrastructure and Commercial Wind Energy Projects. Mr. Westhoff also stated approximately 43 to 45 Neosho County residents have filed a lawsuit against APEX. It was also state that the wind turbine blades could possibility interfere with 911 communication, radio frequencies, internet reception, etc.

### **Accounts Payable**

Chairman T. Douglas Allen made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check nos. 19023 thru 19129 in the amount of \$131,019.56. Fred E. Vail 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 no. 901857 in the amount of \$30.00. 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 Attorney-client privilege. Commissioner T. Douglas Allen 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 11:45 a.m.

### **Work Session**

Commissioners recessed into a work session at 11:53 a.m. The regular session reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Attest

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County Clerk Peggy Minor

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Chairman, T. Douglas Allen