

Labette County Board of Commissioners September 23, 2024

Convene

Chairman Terry Weidert called the regular session of the Labette County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 23, 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 from the Parsons Sun and Jessica Dunn from The Labette Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Development Agreement Amendment

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl made a motion to approve the commission signatures on the first amendment to a development agreement between Labette County and Great Plains Energy Storage LLC to change code compliance language in section 4.1. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (No).

Sheriff Vehicle Update

Undersheriff Greg Haraughty and Detective Dusty Conrad met with commissioners to discuss vehicle purchases.

Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for eight minutes, and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

AES Clean Energy Presentation

Mark Randall, Project Developer with AES Clean Energy, met with commissioners to discuss the potential for developing a solar project in Labette County.

Department Update

Zoning Administrator Mel Hass met with commissioners to give updates on renewable energy companies that have potential interest in Labette County.

LEOP

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to authorize the chairman's signature on the Local Emergency Operations Plan Concurrence document which is required to initiate a formal review for approval of the Local Emergency Operations Plan for Labette County. Cole J. Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Yes), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Out of State Travel

Approval was given for out of state travel for Charles Morse, Brandy Grassl, Sandy Krider, and Lisa Scott, for the Four Corners Conference, December 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2024.

Executive Session

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi 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, County Clerk Gena Landis, and Emergency Manager Charles Morse for a period of ten minutes to reconvene at 10:48 a.m. in the commission room.

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Recess

Commissioners recessed their meeting for five minutes, and reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

NRP

Appraiser Melody Kikkert met with commissioners to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan that will expire at the end of 2024.

Commissioner Proehl

Commissioner Cole J. Proehl left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Appraiser Melody Kikkert finished her discussion with the remaining commissioners.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to approve the following checks: Accounts Payable check numbers 35396 through 35492 in the amount of \$211,354.26. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Absent), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Bridge 050 C-5222-01

Chairman Terry Weidert made a motion to pay a match payment of \$2,000.00 to KDOT for Bridge Project 050 C-5222-01. Vincent B. Schibi seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Absent), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Commissioner Vincent B. Schibi made a motion to authorize the commission signatures on an award contract commitment form to approve the construction of bridge project 050 C-5222-01 to B & B Bridge, St. Paul, Kansas, in the amount of \$526,346.00 paid for by the State of Kansas. Terry Weidert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Cole J. Proehl (Absent), Vincent B. Schibi (Yes), Terry Weidert (Yes).

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12.39 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 30, 2024.

Attest

County Clerk, Gena Landis

Chairman, Terry Weidert