

*****June 4, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; Roger Marrs, IT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Cromer commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reid inquired if anyone will be attending the Economic Outlook Conference.

Commissioner Stieben indicated he would like to amend the policy for archiving of records to add the County Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department to a future agenda.

Commissioner Stieben asked questions regarding KORA and FOIA policies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, June 4, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry presented a request from the city of Tonganoxie for a cost share project on 222nd St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to authorize the County to participate with the city of Tonganoxie in the cost share of an overlay project on 222nd St. between Kansas Avenue and County Route #1 utilizing funds from the Hill's PILOT check in the amount of \$41,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Smith read a letter expressing appreciation and thanks to the Tonganoxie City Manager.

Bob Weber presented Resolution 2025-20, reappointing him as the County Appraiser.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-20, appointing Robert Weber as County Appraiser for a term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.

Roger Marrs presented Board Order 2025-6, initiating the tax sale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Board Order 2025-6, directing tax counsel to initiate judicial tax lien foreclosure proceedings.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-18, a rezoning request from RR-2.5 to RR-1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to adopt Resolution 2025-18 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-25-022 based on the findings of the Golden Factors, as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the findings of fact as adopted by the Planning Commission. Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Dove voting nay.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2025-19, a rezoning request from RR-5 to RR-2.5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt Resolution 2025-19 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-25-038 based on the findings of the Golden Factors, as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the findings of fact as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Reid requested the representative from the local homeless shelter to speak at a meeting.

Commissioner Stieben attended the state of the school district in Basehor.

Commissioner Stieben spoke about animal control and the Leavenworth Humane Society funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

*****June 11, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Cromer commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reid expressed her disappointment in a Pride proclamation presented at the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, June 11, 2025 as presented.
Motion passed, 5-0.*

Fran Keppler requested to accept bid for replacement poll pads.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the quote from KnowInk for the replacement of 50 poll pads in the amount of \$54,000.00.
Motion passed, 5-0.*

Bill Noll presented the capital improvement plan for Public Works.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith that we prioritize District 1 in the CIP for 2026.
Motion passed, 5-0.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to put 182nd St. from the school on the list for 2027 improvement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to table 182nd St. until staff can research.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to approve the CIP as presented with District 1 as a priority.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith as presented with District 1 being the priority for the \$500,000.00 in 2026.
Motion passed, 5-0.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the County and confidential matters related to pending litigation as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2) for consultation with legal counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that Board resume open meeting at 10:37 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff

Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Mike Smith, Willie Dove and Mike Stieben, County Counselor Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil and County Administrator Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:37 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith that this Board recess from open session and go into a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) and to protect the privacy interests of the persons involved and that this Board resume open session in this meeting room at 11:00 a.m. Present in the executive session will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Smith, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry and others as invited by the Board.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to non-elected personnel.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting.

Commissioner Smith commented the Employee Appreciation bbq was well attended.

Commissioner Smith announced June 26th will be a joint meeting with the city of Lansing.

Commissioner Dove reported the Mental Health task force meeting has been cancelled twice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

*****June 18, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services;

Commissioner Smith requested to reevaluate the public comment policy.

Commissioner Smith read a proclamation recognizing Juneteenth.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terri Wojtalewicz commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reid would like the Board to have an opportunity to speak for or against proclamations in the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, June 18, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested to accept the bid from Ebert Construction for the 235th Street project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the bid from Ebert Construction and issue the notice of award for the 235th St. project between Hollingsworth and Dempsey Road in the amount of \$4,301,411.96 with a 7.5% contingency.

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract with Dondlinger Construction for the replacement of bridge K-19.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the contract with Dondlinger Construction for the replacement of bridge K-19 on Fairmount Road in the amount of \$1,233,749.70 with a 5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown presented an agreement with Kansas Department for Children and Families to receive reimbursement for court appointed attorney expenses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to enter into an interagency agreement with the Kansas Department for Children and Families to allow the County to receive partial reimbursement for court appointed attorney expenses related to Title IV-E foster care.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Larry Bigelow commented.

Budget work sessions were held for outside agency funding requests to include the Fair Board, Sparrow Clinic, Riverside Resources, Extension Office and the Alliance Against Family Violence.

Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Smith and Mark Loughry met with representatives from Ft. Leavenworth to discuss EMS services.

Commissioner Reid addressed comments from Terri Wojtalewicz's public comment.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn.
Motion passed, 5-0.*

The Board adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

*****June 25, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Jon Khalil, Deputy County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Monica Swigart, Human Resources Administrator; Jamie Miller, Health Dept. Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barbara Williams, Aimee Bateman, Mike Trapp, Logan Pinedo, Jimmy Nye and Paul Cromer commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith public commented he would like people to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Reid requested to discuss the public comment policy in executive session.

Commissioner Reid asked if there is an interest in a joint meeting to discuss economic development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, June 25, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-25-023 & 024, a final plat for Tuttle Acres.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-023 & 024 is compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted by this Board subject to all conditions set forth in the staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Aaron Yoakam requested approval of a contract with Clearwater Enterprises for natural gas services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve a contract with Clearwater Enterprises for natural gas services.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Monica Swigart presented an agreement with ModRN Health Inc. for healthcare and coordination services for county employees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve an agreement with ModRN Health Inc. for healthcare and coordination services for county employees for two years.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jon Khalil presented a data retention policy for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adopt the data retention policy as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller presented a sales agreement for the replacement of current electronic health record system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to authorize the chairperson to sign the sales agreement for the replacement of current electronic health records system with Patagonia Software.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Budget work session were held for historical society and museum funding requests to include the Basehor Historical Museum, Tonganoxie Historical Society, Leavenworth Historical Society, First City Museum, Fred Harvey Museum, CW Parker Carousel Museum and the Richard Allen Cultural Center.

The Board recessed to hear the work session at 10:49 a.m.

The Board resumed at 11:37 a.m. to enter an executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to potential claims and litigation which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that Board resume open meeting at 11:55 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove and Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry, County Counselor Misty Brown and Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board has returned to regular session at 11:55 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

The Board will meet with the city of Lansing in a joint meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at Lansing City Hall.

Commissioner Reid an article regarding gender affirming.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adjourn.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

*****June 25, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor

The Board met in a work session with Dr. Kathleen McBratney, Medical Director.

The Board ended the work session at 11:36 a.m.

Final Approved