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***Leavenworth County
Board of County Commissioners***

Regular Meeting Agenda
300 Walnut Street, Suite 225
Leavenworth, KS 66048
August 6, 2025
9:00 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comment shall be allowed at the beginning of each meeting and opened again at the end of the meeting after all regularly scheduled agenda items. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person; however, commenters may speak for up to five minutes at both the beginning and end of each meeting. There should be not expectation of interaction by the Commission during this time. Everyone wishing to make comments either on items on the agenda or not are encouraged to provide their comments in writing no later than 8:00 a.m. the Monday immediately preceding the meeting. These comments will be included in the agenda packet for everyone to access and review. This allows the Commission to have time to fully consider input and request follow up if needed prior to the meeting. During times when the Courthouse is closed to the general public anyone wishing to make public comment will provide their comments in writing no later than 8:00 a.m. the Monday immediately preceding the meeting. The comment will be included and distributed with the normal meeting packet.
- V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA: The items on the Consent Agenda are considered by staff to be routine business items. Approval of the items may be made by a single motion, seconded, and a majority vote with no separate discussion of any item listed. Should a member of the Governing Body desire to discuss any item, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.
 - a) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 30, 2025

- b) Approval of the schedule for the week of August 11, 2025
- c) Approval of the check register
- d) Approve and sign the OCB's

VII. FORMAL BOARD ACTION:

- a) Consider a motion to approve the supplemental agreement with Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering for bridges SH-54 and SH-61.
- b) Consider a motion to approve the FY25 Adult Comprehensive Plan Budget Amendment.
- c) Consider a motion to approve the FY25 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Budget Amendment.
- d) Consider a motion to approve the Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing set for August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- e) Consider a motion to approve the Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing for Special Other Funds set for August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS: presentations are materials of general concern where no action or vote is requested or anticipated.

- a) 2026 Legislative session policy requests
- b) Budget discussion if needed
- c) Executive session if needed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, August 4, 2025

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Leavenworth County Commission meeting
 • Commission Meeting Room, 300 Walnut, Leavenworth KS
- 6:00 p.m. Economic Development Summit
 • Tonganoxie Board of Education, 300 E. 24-40 Hwy, Tonganoxie, KS

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Friday, August 8, 2025

ALL SUCH OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS SHOULD BE OF GENERAL INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC AND SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF DECORUM

*****July 30, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Amy Allison, Deputy Planning and Zoning Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

April Cromer, Paul Cromer, Barbara Williams, Dani Redmon, Betty Klinedeist; Jay Lickey, Trena Gilford, Jason Redmon, Richard Paz, William Page, John Redden, Janie Stockman and Caleb Gordon commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to move to approve the proclamation.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

Commissioner Smith read the Traditional Family Values Month Proclamation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 30, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-25, a rezone request from RR-5 to RR-2.5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson move to adopt Resolution 2025-25 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-25-070 based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the findings as set forth in the staff report.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2025-26, a request for a special use permit for boat and RV storage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith approve with a condition of an extra condition requiring reporting of the equipment stored on premises on January 1 every year.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Case DEV-25-069 based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and findings set forth in the staff report as amended by the Commission as substantiated by the facts, testimony and evidence presented by the public hearing. Therefore, I move to adopt Resolution 2025-26 and approve the special use permit outlined in Case DEV-25-069 and that be approved.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Case DEV-25-063 and final plat for Sarll's 3rd Addition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-063 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 the conditions set forth in the staff report and adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown presented a policy establishing a process for future right-of-way vacation requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to table for two weeks.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board discussed a policy regarding parental involvement and compliance with Title X regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to move for the adoption of the parental involvement policy in compliance with Title X regulations pertaining to abortion counseling and referral.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

The Board discussed the Riverbend RHID proposal with the developer, Joe Oakes.

The Board continued the discussion until August 13th.

Commissioner Stieben proposed to consider a Leavenworth Historical Arts and Civics Commission to oversee projects for historical societies.

It was the consensus of the Board not to pursue that at this time.

Mark Loughry presented the financial impact of unfilled positions.

Andy Dedeke spoke about the unfilled positions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to instruct the County Administrator to bring the Board Orders with the exception of any overtime provisions out of the reductions from the Sheriff's Office.

Motion failed 3-2 Commissioners Stieben and Reid voting aye.

The Board will hold an Economic Development Summit on August 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tonganoxie Board of Education Building.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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LEAVENWORTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, August 11, 2025

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. Leavenworth County Commission meeting
• Commission Meeting Room, 300 Walnut, Leavenworth KS

Thursday, August 14, 2025

12:00 p.m. LCDC meeting

Friday, August 15, 2025

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WARRANT NUMBER	CHK TYPE	WARRANT DATE	VEND #/ PCH DOC #	VENDOR NAME/ ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
573		07/28/2025	648	COMMERCE BANK-COMMERCIAL CARDS			
			134137	4-145-5-00-746	COA MOW BENEFITS	1,465.00	
			134137	4-145-5-00-750	COA MOW BENEFITS	480.00	
			134156	5-001-5-01-213	BOCC DOVE LODGING	266.22	
			134176	5-001-5-02-209	CLERK SUPPLIES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	216.50	
			134176	5-001-5-02-301	CLERK SUPPLIES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	61.99	
			134163	5-001-5-03-301	TREAS OFFICE SUPPLIES	97.31	
			134164	5-001-5-03-301	TREAS OFFICE SUPPLIES	10.12	
			134166	5-001-5-03-301	TREAS OFFICE SUPPLIES	42.84	
			134170	5-001-5-04-202	ROD EDUCATION,LICENSE, SUPPLIE	475.00	
			134170	5-001-5-04-203	ROD EDUCATION,LICENSE, SUPPLIE	145.00	
			134170	5-001-5-04-301	ROD EDUCATION,LICENSE, SUPPLIE	23.91	
			134149	5-001-5-05-209	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	110.00	
			134148	5-001-5-05-213	EMS MAINT,POSTAGE,FIELD SUPPLI	51.99	
			134149	5-001-5-05-215	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	239.10	
			134149	5-001-5-05-216	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	256.20	
			134149	5-001-5-05-282	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	363.31	
			134147	5-001-5-05-286	EMS MEDICATION, NEEDLES, BATTE	73.39	
			134149	5-001-5-05-301	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	159.14	
			134148	5-001-5-05-302	EMS MAINT,POSTAGE,FIELD SUPPLI	14.14	
			134148	5-001-5-05-306	EMS MAINT,POSTAGE,FIELD SUPPLI	66.85	
			134149	5-001-5-05-306	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	177.60	
			134147	5-001-5-05-381	EMS MEDICATION, NEEDLES, BATTE	946.08	
			134148	5-001-5-05-381	EMS MAINT,POSTAGE,FIELD SUPPLI	42.16	
			134149	5-001-5-05-381	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	8,990.42	
			134146	5-001-5-05-383	EMS SMOKE DETECTOR	31.47	
			134148	5-001-5-05-383	EMS MAINT,POSTAGE,FIELD SUPPLI	160.43	
			134149	5-001-5-05-383	EMS SUBCRIPTIONS,CABLE,UTILITE	95.28	
			134147	5-001-5-05-4	EMS MEDICATION, NEEDLES, BATTE	30.00	
			134148	5-001-5-05-4	EMS MAINT,POSTAGE,FIELD SUPPLI	48.95	
			134171	5-001-5-06-202	PZ EDUCAITON, CODE ENFORCEMENT	19.95	
			134172	5-001-5-06-202	PZ EDUCATION, TRAINING,SUPPLES	87.88	
			134172	5-001-5-06-219	PZ EDUCATION, TRAINING,SUPPLES	595.00	
			134172	5-001-5-06-301	PZ EDUCATION, TRAINING,SUPPLES	8.40	
			134171	5-001-5-06-306	PZ EDUCAITON, CODE ENFORCEMENT	5.99	
			134161	5-001-5-07-202	SO EDUCATION,UNIFORM	1,840.00	
			134158	5-001-5-07-203	SO POLICE EQUIPMENT	43.00	
			134159	5-001-5-07-203	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	20.50	
			134160	5-001-5-07-208	SO CONTRACT,JAIL MAINT.,JAIL E	9.00	
			134159	5-001-5-07-209	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	42.00	
			134159	5-001-5-07-301	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	36.58	
			134159	5-001-5-07-350	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	465.84	
			134161	5-001-5-07-350	SO EDUCATION,UNIFORM	933.75	
			134158	5-001-5-07-353	SO POLICE EQUIPMENT	883.52	
			134159	5-001-5-07-353	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	102.92	
			134160	5-001-5-07-353	SO CONTRACT,JAIL MAINT.,JAIL E	212.79	
			134119	5-001-5-07-354	SO COMMUNTIY OUTREACH	81.42	
			134158	5-001-5-07-355	SO POLICE EQUIPMENT	78.52	
			134159	5-001-5-07-355	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	40.68	
			134158	5-001-5-07-356	SO POLICE EQUIPMENT	37.81	

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			134159	5-001-5-07-357	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	165.47	
			134160	5-001-5-07-357	SO CONTRACT,JAIL MAINT.,JAIL E	285.92	
			134159	5-001-5-07-359	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	360.11	
			134160	5-001-5-07-359	SO CONTRACT,JAIL MAINT.,JAIL E	580.22	
			134117	5-001-5-11-202	CAO DUES,EDUCATION & OFFICE SU	1,450.00	
			134116	5-001-5-11-203	CAO TRAVEL, OFFICE SUPPLIES, M	95.00	
			134117	5-001-5-11-203	CAO DUES,EDUCATION & OFFICE SU	25.00	
			134116	5-001-5-11-213	CAO TRAVEL, OFFICE SUPPLIES, M	1,025.95	
			134116	5-001-5-11-301	CAO TRAVEL, OFFICE SUPPLIES, M	1,568.10	
			134117	5-001-5-11-301	CAO DUES,EDUCATION & OFFICE SU	1,443.66	
			134176	5-001-5-14-228	CLERK SUPPLIES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	44.50	
			134123	5-001-5-14-229	B&G TRASH PICKUP	554.19	
			134175	5-001-5-14-312	KTA	3.36	
			134173	5-001-5-23-301	CLERK SUPPLIES	26.98	
			134178	5-001-5-28-215	HR OPEN ENROLLMENT SUPPLIES	70.20	
			134134	5-001-5-31-209	B&G MOWING EQUIP	164.82	
			134135	5-001-5-31-209	B&G MOWING EQUIP & BLD SUPPLI	81.56	
			134122	5-001-5-31-290	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	1,142.00	
			134122	5-001-5-31-297	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	540.69	
			134122	5-001-5-31-301	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	13.53	
			134122	5-001-5-31-312	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	905.28	
			134134	5-001-5-31-312	B&G MOWING EQUIP	22.94	
			134135	5-001-5-31-314	B&G MOWING EQUIP & BLD SUPPLI	58.00	
			134122	5-001-5-31-390	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	317.41	
			134122	5-001-5-32-209	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	2,565.00	
			134122	5-001-5-32-296	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	505.88	
			134122	5-001-5-32-297	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	761.52	
			134122	5-001-5-32-391	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	824.48	
			134135	5-001-5-32-391	B&G MOWING EQUIP & BLD SUPPLI	35.94	
			134122	5-001-5-33-209	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	6,236.25	
			134122	5-001-5-33-296	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	23.20-	
			134122	5-001-5-33-297	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	534.65	
			134122	5-001-5-33-391	B&G MAINT,TRASH,JANITORIAL	272.44	
			134136	5-001-5-33-391	BLD MAINT	45.66	
			134168	5-001-5-41-211	APP SUPPLIES,GUIDES,COPIES	27.40	
			134169	5-001-5-41-211	APP PUBLICATIONS	399.90	
			134168	5-001-5-41-301	APP SUPPLIES,GUIDES,COPIES	22.94	
			134167	5-001-5-41-370	APPR GUIDES	92.00	
			134168	5-001-5-41-370	APP SUPPLIES,GUIDES,COPIES	46.12	
			134154	5-001-5-42-215	GIS RENEAL PACK	454.30	
			134152	5-001-5-53-207	B&G PHILLIPS & PW	129.09	
			134152	5-001-5-53-308	B&G PHILLIPS & PW	15.89	
			134162	5-108-5-00-203	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	60.00	
			134162	5-108-5-00-204	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	208.06	
			134162	5-108-5-00-213	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	70.00	
			134162	5-108-5-00-219	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	1,097.96	
			134162	5-108-5-00-280	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	120.00	
			134162	5-108-5-00-301	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	538.73	
			134162	5-108-5-00-380	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	1,251.95	
			134162	5-108-5-00-384	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	136.96	

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			134162	5-108-5-00-601	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	344.68	
			134162	5-108-5-00-604	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	23,962.42	
			134162	5-108-5-00-606	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	673.73	
			134162	5-108-5-00-610	HEALTH JULY STATEMENT	3,265.72	
			134132	5-125-5-00-3	COM CORR GED TESTING	25.99	
			134127	5-127-5-00-3	COMM CORR CREDIT	63.23-	
			134129	5-127-5-00-3	COMM CORR SUPPLIES	127.72	
			134133	5-127-5-00-3	RIDELV COMM CORR	4.00	
			134155	5-133-5-00-201	R&B FANS,BATTERIES,TRASH,OFFIC	38.47	
			134155	5-133-5-00-214	R&B FANS,BATTERIES,TRASH,OFFIC	428.83	
			134151	5-133-5-00-301	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	125.55	
			134155	5-133-5-00-301	R&B FANS,BATTERIES,TRASH,OFFIC	897.25	
			134157	5-133-5-00-301	R&B SIGN MATERIAL,SUPPLIES,SAF	634.07	
			134157	5-133-5-00-309	R&B SIGN MATERIAL,SUPPLIES,SAF	949.98	
			134151	5-133-5-00-310	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	267.03	
			134151	5-133-5-00-311	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	288.50	
			134150	5-133-5-00-312	B&G ASHPHALT, SIGN MATERIAL,TO	299.97	
			134151	5-133-5-00-312	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	798.02	
			134157	5-133-5-00-312	R&B SIGN MATERIAL,SUPPLIES,SAF	835.35	
			134151	5-133-5-00-313	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	260.16	
			134151	5-133-5-00-325	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	99.96	
			134150	5-133-5-00-360	B&G ASHPHALT, SIGN MATERIAL,TO	340.57	
			134151	5-133-5-00-360	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	5,820.01	
			134155	5-133-5-00-360	R&B FANS,BATTERIES,TRASH,OFFIC	1,005.22	
			134150	5-133-5-00-362	B&G ASHPHALT, SIGN MATERIAL,TO	1,043.01	
			134150	5-133-5-00-363	B&G ASHPHALT, SIGN MATERIAL,TO	212.56	
			134157	5-133-5-00-363	R&B SIGN MATERIAL,SUPPLIES,SAF	18.97	
			134155	5-133-5-00-364	R&B FANS,BATTERIES,TRASH,OFFIC	186.87	
			134157	5-133-5-00-364	R&B SIGN MATERIAL,SUPPLIES,SAF	879.61	
			134150	5-133-5-00-365	B&G ASHPHALT, SIGN MATERIAL,TO	956.90	
			134151	5-133-5-00-365	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	236.60	
			134157	5-133-5-00-365	R&B SIGN MATERIAL,SUPPLIES,SAF	119.99	
			134150	5-133-5-00-440	B&G ASHPHALT, SIGN MATERIAL,TO	4,144.05	
			134151	5-133-5-00-440	R&B PARTS,SUPPLIES,PAINT,FLUID	85.28	
			134115	5-135-5-00-200	COMM CORR MEDS	30.23	
			134131	5-135-5-00-200	COM CORR MEDS	24.34	
			134179	5-135-5-00-200	COM CORR MEDS	67.73	
			134130	5-136-5-00-301	COMM CORR COMPUTER KEYBOARD	55.03	
			134153	5-137-5-00-320	B&G AREVALO & WILLIAMS	5,381.60	
			134128	5-139-5-00-201	FOOD FOR STAFF	120.79	
			134141	5-144-5-00-2	PALS ANIMAL CLINIC, DOG & CAT	555.22	
			134142	5-144-5-00-2	PALS LANSING VET, PLEASANT VAL	77.58	
			134138	5-144-5-00-3	PALS COMMODITIES	2,591.44	
			134141	5-144-5-00-3	PALS ANIMAL CLINIC, DOG & CAT	100.37	
			134142	5-144-5-00-3	PALS LANSING VET, PLEASANT VAL	86.37	
			134140	5-145-4-00-746	COA PHYSICALS,MISC,MOW	25.00	
			134140	5-145-5-00-210	COA PHYSICALS,MISC,MOW	30.00	
			134139	5-145-5-00-212	COA UNIFORMS, MOW BENEFITS, MI	1,311.99	
			134140	5-145-5-00-212	COA PHYSICALS,MISC,MOW	39.16	
			134143	5-145-5-00-252	COA HOWARD WALMART, CASEY	28.84	

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			134139	5-145-5-00-307	COA UNIFORMS, MOW BENEFITS, MI	22.98	
			134139	5-145-5-00-746	COA UNIFORMS, MOW BENEFITS, MI	317.38	
			134143	5-145-5-00-750	COA HOWARD WALMART, CASEY	149.08	
			134144	5-145-5-00-750	COA KELLOGG DOLLAR TREE, WALMA	277.04	
			134165	5-146-5-00-301	TREAS TECH OFFICE SUPPLIES	156.90	
			134121	5-160-5-00-213	SW FUEL & MAINTENANCE	673.73	
			134118	5-160-5-00-301	SW OFFICE SUPPLIES & SAFETY BO	891.35	
			134121	5-160-5-00-304	SW FUEL & MAINTENANCE	145.54	
			134118	5-160-5-00-305	SW OFFICE SUPPLIES & SAFETY BO	169.95	
			134159	5-194-5-00-3	SO DUES,SUBSCRIPTIONS,JAIL EXP	64.98	
			134120	5-198-5-18-201	EOC KEMA CONFERENCE	285.00	
			134125	5-212-5-00-2	KRAEMER & SONS	2,096.00	
					WARRANT TOTAL		113,209.74
115100	AP	07/28/2025	1737	AT&T			
			134190	5-174-5-00-210	TOWER CHARGES	527.17	
			134190	5-174-5-00-210	TOWER CHARGES	527.17	
			134190	5-174-5-00-210	TOWER CHARGES	527.17	
					WARRANT TOTAL		1,581.51
115101	AP	07/28/2025	340	BROOKS-JEFFREY MARKETING INC			
			134192	5-194-5-00-2	LVSOKS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	2,995.00	
					WARRANT TOTAL		2,995.00
115102	AP	07/28/2025	661	CDJ AUTOMOTIVE LLC			
			134194	5-001-5-07-450	2025 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT V V	44,610.00	
					WARRANT TOTAL		44,610.00
115103	AP	07/28/2025	24545	CDW GOVERNMENT INC			
			134204	5-138-5-00-222	OFFICE LICENSING	1,021.41	
					WARRANT TOTAL		1,021.41
115104	AP	07/28/2025	1219	CLERK OF DIST COURT-LEAV			
			134182	5-001-5-11-501	JULY 2025 COURT COST	2,263.00	
					WARRANT TOTAL		2,263.00
115105	AP	07/28/2025	8686	EVERGY KANSAS CENTRAL INC			
			134191	5-001-5-32-392	JC ELECTRICITY	29,641.83	
			134186	5-001-5-53-219	23674 187TH ST NOX WEED	340.05	
			134193	5-195-5-00-290	COMM CORR 520 S 3RD ST	818.89	
					WARRANT TOTAL		30,800.77
115106	AP	07/28/2025	70	FREESTATE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE			
			134188	5-001-5-07-223	SIRENS FOR EOC ELECTRIC UTILIT	73.96	
			134188	5-001-5-07-223	SIRENS FOR EOC ELECTRIC UTILIT	46.47	
			134188	5-001-5-07-223	SIRENS FOR EOC ELECTRIC UTILIT	73.84	
			134188	5-001-5-07-223	SIRENS FOR EOC ELECTRIC UTILIT	74.59	
			134188	5-001-5-07-223	SIRENS FOR EOC ELECTRIC UTILIT	74.05	
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			134188	5-001-5-07-223	SIRENS FOR EOC ELECTRIC UTILIT	53.00	
					WARRANT TOTAL		618.68
115107	AP	07/28/2025	18885	HAYNES EQUIPMENT CO			
			134199	5-210-5-00-2	FOAM DISK AND SERVICE CALL	150.00	
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115108	AP	07/28/2025	2900 134196	MADELINE STEPP 5-001-5-05-290	CALL 2023-9008 PATIENT REIMBURSEMENT	799.06	2,585.28
115109	AP	07/28/2025	2900 134201	NANCY HAYES 5-001-5-05-290	CALL 2024-9156 PATIENT REIMBURSEMENT	170.00	799.06
115110	AP	07/28/2025	936 134195	J. HIGGINS, LTD. INC 5-001-5-07-350	UNIFORMS	340.35	170.00
115111	AP	07/28/2025	1138 134198	KELLER FIRE SAFETY 5-001-5-33-266	PREVENTATIVE MAINT. INSPECTION	600.00	340.35
115112	AP	07/28/2025	963 134185	KELLY GARRISON 5-135-5-00-200	AUGUST OXFORD RENT FOR KIOWA HOUSE	2,500.00	600.00
115113	AP	07/28/2025	9762 134181 134181 134181 134181 134181	LEAVENWORTH POLICE DEPT 5-001-5-11-503 5-001-5-11-503 5-001-5-11-503 5-001-5-11-503 5-001-5-11-503	LAW ENFORCEMENT FEE LAW ENFORCEMENT FEE LAW ENFORCEMENT FEE LAW ENFORCEMENT FEE LAW ENFORCEMENT FEE	100.00 100.00 100.00 42.00 100.00	2,500.00
115114	AP	07/28/2025	13900 134197	MID-CONTINENTAL RESTORATION CO 5-215-5-14-401	OHP 28 DAY RENTAL	2,200.00	442.00
115115	AP	07/28/2025	2059 134200	MIDWEST OFFICE TECHNOLOGY INC 5-001-5-02-304	COPIER CHARGES	29.30	2,200.00
115116	AP	07/28/2025	6713 134184	REILLY & SONS INC 5-001-5-02-209	NOTARY FOR HOFMANN	75.00	29.30
115117	AP	07/28/2025	103 134183	CITY OF LEAVENWORTH 5-001-5-11-502	JULY 2025	108.28	75.00
115118	AP	07/28/2025	113 134202	SUMNERONE INC 5-133-5-00-301	50LWC COPIER COUNTS	78.08	108.28
115119	AP	07/28/2025	684 134177 134177 134177 134189 134189 134189 134189 134177 134177	VERITIV CORPORATION 5-001-5-01-202 5-001-5-01-212 5-001-5-01-301 5-001-5-07-359 5-001-5-07-359 5-001-5-07-359 5-001-5-07-359 5-001-5-09-203 5-001-5-09-301	SUPPLIES,DUES, EDUCATION SUPPLIES,DUES, EDUCATION SUPPLIES,DUES, EDUCATION 165151 JAIL EXPENSE 165151 JAIL EXPENSE 165151 JAIL EXPENSE 165151 JAIL EXPENSE SUPPLIES,DUES, EDUCATION SUPPLIES,DUES, EDUCATION	383.00 147.44 89.85 654.82 21.24 84.96 186.64 650.00 75.54	78.08
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WARRANT NUMBER	CHK TYPE	WARRANT DATE	VEND #/ PCH DOC #	VENDOR NAME/ ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL							209,320.95

START DATE: 07/25/2025 END DATE: 07/30/2025

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FUND SUMMARY

001	GENERAL	124,963.14
108	COUNTY HEALTH	31,730.21
125	CPJJ	25.99
127	COMM CORR ADULT NON GRANT	68.49
133	ROAD & BRIDGE	21,050.86
135	COMM CORR OPIOID	2,622.30
136	COMM CORR JUVENILE	55.03
137	LOCAL SERVICE ROAD & BRIDGE	5,381.60
138	JUV INTAKE & ASSESSMENT	1,021.41
139	JDC: FAMILY STRONG	120.79
144	PALS (PETS AND LOVING SENIORS	3,410.98
145	COUNCIL ON AGING	4,206.02
146	COUNTY TREASURER SPECIAL	156.90
160	SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,880.57
174	911	1,581.51
194	VIOLENT OFFENDERS	3,059.98
195	JUVENILE DETENTION	818.89
198	SPECIAL GRANTS	285.00
210	SEWER DISTRICT 1: HIGH CREST	2,585.28
212	SEWER DISTRICT 2: TIMBERLAKES	2,096.00
215	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,200.00
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	209,320.95

Leavenworth County Request for Board Action

Date: April 10th, 2025

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Public Works

Department Head Approval: WLN

Additional Reviews as needed:

Budget Review ☒ **Administrator Review** ☒ **Legal Review** ☒

Action Requested: Approve the supplemental agreement with Finney and Turnipseed to perform Construction Engineering for SH-54 and SH-61.

Analysis: To be able to get the project designed we were only allowed at the time to contract each phase of the engineering for the project one at a time. This is a supplemental agreement to the design contract for Construction Engineering services in accordance with KDOT standards. The county will have to cover the cost then will be reimbursed the cost of these services through the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Grant that we received.

Alternatives: Deny

Budgetary Impact: \$155,000

- ☐ Not Applicable
- ☒ Budgeted item with available funds
- ☐ Non-Budgeted item with available funds through prioritization
- ☐ Non-Budgeted item with additional funds requested

Additional Attachments: Supplemental agreement

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Amendment No. 1 to Leavenworth County Professional Services Agreement is entered into on this _____, by and between the Leavenworth County, Kansas, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Finney & Turnipseed, Transportation & Civil Engineering, L.L.C. hereinafter referred to as "Engineer."

WHEREAS, County and Engineer entered into a Professional Services Agreement Contract on January 17, 2024 for the purpose of replacing Bridge No. SH-54 – Golden Road (Route 26) over Tributary to Kansas River and Bridge No. SH-61 – Golden Road (Route 26) over Tributary to Kansas River; and

WHEREAS, the County desires Engineer to perform certain additional consulting work.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS CONTAINED HEREIN, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Scope of Services set forth in Attachment A of the Professional Services Agreement dated January 17, 2024 shall be amended to include the following:

- a. Add a new section that reads the following.

BASIC SERVICES – CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

The Engineer shall perform the following services during the construction phase of the project:

12. Attend the preconstruction meeting.
13. Provide one full-time inspector needed for the duration of the project to inspect work in progress in accordance with the contract documents and ensure that completed work will conform to the contract requirements.
14. The inspector shall serve as the resident representative of the Leavenworth County Public Works Department during the construction of the project.
15. The inspector shall maintain all required records of the system installation to include locations of facilities, project log, Contractor activities, working days,

visitors, and testing in accordance with KDOT.

16. Notification Process: The inspector shall maintain a log of contacts, communications, and complaints of the citizens and the Contractor initiated contacts of citizens during the construction of the project.
 17. Reporting: The inspector shall provide a weekly report to the Project Manager on the progress and anticipated work and shall prepare a monthly pay estimate of completed work. The resident inspector shall record the results of all required testing as specified and provide drafts of all required reports to the County.
 18. Engineer shall perform or subcontract all testing per KDOT specifications and testing frequencies.
 19. Provide consistent oversight on the Contractor's responsibilities for traffic control and erosion control inspections.
 20. Report to County, giving opinions and suggestions regarding defects or deficiencies in the Contractor's work.
 21. Engineer shall provide and keep field and quantity diaries on hard cover books.
 22. Engineer shall provide electronic as-builts in pdf format.
 23. To accept compensation for services described in 1 through 12, Basic Services – Construction Inspection Services in the amounts and at such periods of time as hereinafter setforth in Attachment B.
2. The Compensation set forth in Attachment B of the Professional Services Agreement dated January 17, 2024 shall be amended to include the following:
- Add to Paragraph A - "Compensation for Basic Services – Construction Inspection Services", Items 12 through 23 described in Attachment A, a maximum fee in the amount of not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$155,500.00) for Construction Inspection Services at the established hourly rates. Payments shall be in made in monthly amounts which are consistent with the engineering services provided. The payment for the services to be performed under this amendment shall be based on the following Schedule of Hourly Rates and Charges;"

Salary rates including overhead and fixed fee.

Classification	Hourly Rate
Principal	\$165.00
Engineer A	\$125.00
Engineer B	\$110.00
Engineer C	\$ 92.00
Technician	\$ 71.00
Mileage -----	\$ 0.67 per mile
Direct expenses -----	Actual amount

2. All other terms and conditions of the Professional Services Agreement dated January 17, 2024 not specifically amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

**BOARD OF LEAVENWORTH
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FINNEY & TURNIPSEED
TRANSPORTATION & CIVIL ENGINEERING, L.L.C.**

BY: _____
MIKE SMITH, 4TH DISTRICT
CHAIRPERSON

BY: _____

President

ATTEST: _____
Fran Keppler, County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Misty Brown, County Counselor

Leavenworth County Request for Board Action

Date: August 6th, 2025

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Community Corrections

Department Head Approval: Jamie VanHouten, Director

Additional Reviews as needed:

Budget Review ☐ **Administrator Review** ☐ **Legal Review** ☐

Action Requested: Approve FY25 Adult Comprehensive Plan Budget Amendment and FY25 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Budget Amendment.

Recommendation: Approve Budget Amendments for FY25 Adult Comp Plan and FY25 Juvenile Comp Plan Budget Amendment.

Analysis: Our FY25 grants are all being closed out and we are required to obtain approval from advisory boards and BOCC signatures when we make any budget amendments over the amount of \$5,000. We were under budget in both grants and were able to reimburse the county for previously reduced or waive rent and security expenses as well as replace 5-year-old laptops and update our software licenses. All budget amendments were previously approved by our respective CAB and JCAB.

Alternatives: N/A

Budgetary Impact:

- ☒ Not Applicable
- ☐ Budgeted item with available funds
- ☐ Non-Budgeted item with available funds through prioritization
- ☐ Non-Budgeted item with additional funds requested

Total Amount Requested: N/A

Additional Attachments: Q4 FY25 Adult Comp Plan Budget Amendment Report and Q4 FY25 Juvenile Comp Plan Budget Amendment Report.

Agency: A-FY25 LV (01JD)
Period: 04/01/2025 - 06/30/2025

IF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TOTAL \$5,000 OR ONE PERCENT OF THE CURRENT YEAR GRANT AWARD, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER, THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED

I certify that any budget adjustment listed above has been approved by the Corrections Advisory Board

I certify that any budget adjustment listed above, has been approved by the County Commission.

Agency Comments:

In FY25, LVCO increased rent, security. As such, we went over the original budgeted amounts. In addition, vehicle maintenance, client housing and incentives exceeded the budgeted amount. The laptops for staff were antiquated and failing as they were over five years old. They were replaced. This agency had an overage in benefits as they are always estimated on the high end but not all staff utilizes the family plan. Funds from a check that was paid to a substance abuse provider that was not cashed, was credited back into the Contractual Substance Abuse treatment line item. A very minimal amount was used from this to Salaries which zero'd out the balance remaining for that line item.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF JUVENILE SERVICES
4th QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REPORT

Agency: J-FY25 01JD LV
Period: 04/01/2025-06/30/2025

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS							
FROM Program	Category / Line Item	Amount	TO Program	Category / Line Item	Amount		
CM	35 II - AGCY OP II-F FACILITY Rent	\$ (121.00)	CM	52 III - CONTRACTS/CLIENT SVCS Drug Testing Services	\$ 121.00		
JIAS	09 II - AGCY OP II-A TRAVEL Vehicle Maintenance/Reg/Tags	\$ (409.00)	JIAS	29 II - AGCY OP II-E SUPPLIES/COMMODITIES Office Supplies	\$ 409.00		
JISP	32 II - AGCY OP II-E SUPPLIES/COMMODITIES Other #1 - see comment	\$ (170.00)	JISP	66 III - CONTRACTS/CLIENT SVCS Electronic Monitoring Services	\$ 170.00		
JIAS	04 I - PERS I-B PERSONNEL (NON-ADMIN) Salary	\$ (15,000.00)	JISP	04 I - PERS I-B PERSONNEL (NON-ADMIN) Salary	\$ 15,000.00		
JIAS	01 I - PERS I-A PERSONNEL (ADMIN) Salary	\$ (22,584.23)	JIAS	23 II - AGCY OP II-D EQUIPMENT Computer	\$ 22,584.23		
			JIAS	29 II - AGCY OP II-E SUPPLIES/COMMODITIES Office Supplies	\$ -		
			JIAS	35 II - AGCY OP II-F FACILITY Rent	\$ -		
			JIAS	40 II - AGCY OP II-F FACILITY Other #1 - see comment	\$ -		
CM	01 I - PERS I-A PERSONNEL (ADMIN) Salary	\$ (783.52)	CM	10 II - AGCY OP II-A TRAVEL Vehicle Insurance	\$ 783.52		
CM	01 I - PERS I-A PERSONNEL (ADMIN) Salary	\$ (199.00)	CM	40 II - AGCY OP II-F FACILITY Other #1 - see comment	\$ 199.00		
JISP	33 II - AGCY OP II-E SUPPLIES/COMMODITIES Other #2 - see comment	\$ (258.00)	JISP	10 II - AGCY OP II-A TRAVEL Vehicle Insurance	\$ 258.00		
JISP	33 II - AGCY OP II-E SUPPLIES/COMMODITIES Other #2 - see comment	\$ (260.00)		37 II - AGCY OP II-F FACILITY Insurance	\$ 260.00		
CM	01 I - PERS I-A PERSONNEL (ADMIN) Salary	\$ (6,635.00)	JIAS	04 I - PERS I-B PERSONNEL (NON-ADMIN) Salary	\$ 6,635.00		
JISP	01 I - PERS I-A PERSONNEL (ADMIN) Salary	\$ (3,920.00)	JIAS	68 III - CONTRACTS/CLIENT SVCS Other #1 - see comment	\$ 3,920.00		
					\$ -		
					\$ -		
					\$ 50,339.75		

IF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TOTAL \$5,000 OR ONE PERCENT OF THE CURRENT YEAR GRANT AWARD, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER, THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED

NEED SIGNATURES

I certify that any budget adjustment listed above has been approved by the Corrections Advisory Board.

Corrections Advisory Board Chair

I certify that any budget adjustment listed above, has been approved by the County Commission.

County Commission Chair
(Sponsoring County)

Agency Comments:

Adjustments made for Salaries and Benefits due to amounts taken from the incorrect fund. Human Resources has corrected this. Other line item adjustments are for supplies and client services that were not budgeted for Laptops were over five years old and having some issues. Purchased new laptops and licensing for staff.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Leavenworth County

will meet on August 20, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Leavenworth County Commission Room, 300 Walnut for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax and Revenue Neutral Rate.

Detailed budget information is available at Leavenworth County Commission Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget.

Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	34,724,207	21.488	37,752,277	21.945	38,713,672	25,540,621	21.828
Debt Service	1,987,758		2,001,440		2,001,665		
Road & Bridge	13,147,773	9.820	14,588,001	10.811	15,506,465	12,649,898	10.811
Health	1,511,611	0.491	1,568,918	0.444	1,552,949	507,484	0.434
Employee Benefits	10,501,897	0.555	11,566,500	1.256	12,733,000	1,904,273	1.627
Economic Development	330,818	0.307	85,658	0.046	85,658	71,572	0.061
Council on Aging	3,647,032	2.780	4,082,178	2.779	4,305,660	2,454,147	2.097
Juvenile Detention	504,260	0.338	430,231	0.282	505,814	474,344	0.405
Solid Waste	2,373,832		2,413,205		2,480,306		
ROD Tech	132,460		169,211		197,920		
Clerk Tech	26,719		31,000		25,000		
Treasurer Tech	1,460		20,000		20,000		
Special Alcohol	45,500		50,000		60,000		
Special Parks & Rec			45,000		50,000		
911 Taxes	635,855		747,600		778,444		
20 Year Sales Tax (171)	2,811,814		8,432,991		8,001,665		
Opioid Settlement	76,009		148,154		149,939		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	3,743,597						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	6,357,232						
Totals	82,559,834	35.779	84,132,364	37.563	87,168,157	43,602,339	37.263
Revenue Neutral Rate **							35.636
Less: Transfers	18,577,372		16,155,599		18,619,962		
Net Expenditure	63,982,462		67,976,765		68,548,195		
Total Tax Levied	38,128,159		41,702,084		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,065,588,682		1,110,139,967		1,170,102,884		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

January 1,

G.O. Bonds

Revenue Bonds

Other

Lease Pur. Princ.

Total

2023

2023

25,260,000

0

0

586

25,433,586

2024

2024

23,885,000

0

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0

23,885,000

2025

2025

21,785,000

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0

21,785,000

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

****Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988**

Leavenworth County

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2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION MATTERS OF CONCERN FOR LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

Between unfunded state mandates and the elimination of revenue streams to the County, state legislation accounts for approximately 23% of our property tax load on local citizens. We understand the state has their own issues to deal with and budgets to balance, we simply ask that they stop shifting the load to the local governments.

End Unfunded Mandates

The County 2025 budget includes unfunded mandates in excess of \$11,000,000.00. These unfunded mandates represent approximately 13% of our total budget. We would like to see the state put an end to any new unfunded state mandates.

Levy Supported Funds	2025 Budget
Juvenile Detention	\$ 430,231
Coroner	\$ 290,000
District Court	\$ 308,441
Health Department	\$ 1,583,346
Appraiser	\$ 491,000
Noxious Weed	\$ 320,000
Bridge Inspections	\$ 90,000
Outside Agencies (Casa, Mental Health)	\$ 652,273
Surveying	\$ 125,000
Register of Deeds fees	\$ 20,000
Clerk - Election	\$ 110,000
Defense Attorney	\$ 378,000
Employee Benefits	\$ 6,486,765
Total	\$ 11,285,056

- Any legislation that erodes the current tax base is in effect an unfunded mandate as well. Therefore, any property tax breaks granted by the state should be treated as an unfunded mandate and the local taxing entities made whole. If you don't reimburse the local entities it results in a tax shift to the remaining tax payers which doubles down on increased property taxes.
 - Last year there was legislation proposed that would have exempted any veteran with a disability and all veterans over 65 from property tax. If that had passed the County would have had to make up for the lost revenue by increasing property tax on the remaining tax payers by 10% or more.
 - There was also legislation that would have allowed businesses that provided competing services with government to be property tax exempt.
 - This would have exempted multiple commercial properties from property tax which would shift additional taxes onto the remaining tax payers.
 - There was no consideration that entities with no control over the exempt property would have taken the same hit as those that were providing the competitive service.
- True transparency of government should require the entity responsible for creating the need for funding also be responsible for funding it.

Stop the erosion of local revenue

While we realize the legislatures completely removed the LAVTR language during the last session we would ask that legislatures either reimplement LAVTR or stop collecting the 1.5% sales tax. Additionally, we ask that the legislature stop eliminating programs that were designed to help offset local property tax burdens. Removing funding to local government in effect is another form of unfunded mandates.

- In the last full year of the LAVTR disbursement, 2001, the County received \$722,232. Today we receive none, which equates to approximately 1 mill in today's assessed valuation. With the increased collections it would equate to \$4,000,000.00 today. The irony is the State continues to collect this revenue but now no longer distributes it back to help local tax payers.
- The last year of City/County Revenue sharing the county received \$400,858. Today we receive none which equates to approximately .50 mills at today's assessed valuation. Today that would be approximately \$2,400,000.00.
- The last year the County was able to collect the full mortgage registration fee and recording fees we collected \$1,019,618. This year we estimate we will collect only \$500,000 or a reduction of \$519,000 which equates to approximately .5 mills at today's assessed valuation.
- When the State implemented the Business and Machinery Equipment exemption the County's personnel property valuation was \$28,775,580, currently it is approximately \$8,000,000.00. Assuming only a flat assessed value over the last 17 years that equates to approximately \$1,220,000.00 in lost revenue at the County's current 35.255 mill levy. Or based on the current assessed valuation roughly 1.2 mills.
- When combined, revenue lost due directly to State legislative policy for just the 2024 tax year equates to roughly \$8,000,000.00. This is equivalent to 8 mills at today's assessed valuation, or roughly 10% of our total budget.
- While it is hard to put a true number on what the total cost over the past 20 years has been to the County due to inflation, personnel property values and lost opportunities, it is safe to say that number is in excess of \$50,000,000.00.

Cap valuation increases and support the constitutional amendment

The current law on calculating assessed property values for taxation creates an unfair assessment to property owners who are not actively marketing their homes for sale. It creates yearly property tax spikes that create a hardship on taxpayers due to no fault of their own and no change in usage or improvements of property.

- The County Commission supports the constitutional amendment placing caps on single year property tax increases. Any modifications or enhancements that result in increased value to the property would be exempt from the cap.
- Upon conveyance of the property the valuation would increase to the current market value.

Allow counties to expand other revenue sources

Currently counties are overly reliant upon property taxes as a funding source. In counties like Leavenworth where the majority of commercial property is exempt from property taxes it places an undue burden on residential property to carry the load.

- Allowing counties to place ballot initiatives implementing special sales taxes and/or revenue taxes would allow the shift away from property tax and allow us to utilize the same primary funding sources as the state.
 - We support legislation that would allow counties to put ballot initiatives forward for special sales tax. Currently several counties have received special legislation allowing them to do this. We believe it would be better if unilateral legislation was adopted allowing all counties the same opportunity without the need for special legislation.
 - While more challenging, we would also support allowing counties to implement, via a ballot initiative, a local income tax similar to what Missouri allows. In counties with large tax-exempt employers, it

would allow us to regain some of the lost income and further shift the burden away from property taxes.

Amend legislation requiring Water Districts competitively bid projects

Under Kansas law cities, counties and virtually all other public entities are required to use an open and competitive bidding process when undertaking construction projects over a certain amount. This requirement, based upon the principal that an open and competitive bidding process allows for the best use of public funds, avoids the appearance, or practice, of favoritism in the awarding of contracts.

Unlike other public entities, rural water districts organized under K.S.A 82a-601, et seq., are not required to follow this practice. This anomaly has been the subject of an Opinion by the Attorney General in Opinion 88-45, a copy of which is attached.

- This board requests your assistance in amending Kansas law to require the use of competitive bidding by rural water districts for material and construction costs associated with projects undertaken by those districts. This requirement can be accomplished by the use of language similar to that found in K.S.A. 19-214 and K.S.A. 19-215.

Amend legislation to allow dissolution of fire districts

State law authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to organize fire districts in the county upon the adoption of a resolution. Fire Districts may also be formed upon the petition signed by residents of the county owning more than 60% of the areas of lands situated within the boundaries of the proposed district.

Once formed, a fire district may only be disorganized or altered by Commission upon a petition signed by the owners of lands that are affected by the disorganization or alteration. State statute does not authorize the Commission to disorganize the fire district even if all lands within the fire district have been excluded.

- This board requests your assistance in amending Kansas law to allow the Commission to disorganize a fire district that was originally organized by the Commission when the fire district no longer has any territory or lands.
- The proposed language change is as follows:
 - **19-3604. Disorganization or alteration of district; inclusion of new lands; procedures.** (a) Any fire district may be disorganized by the board of county commissioners at any time after four years from the date of the publication of the final resolution for the first organization of such district upon a petition to the board and the making of an order in like manner as in the case of organizing any fire district under K.S.A. 19-3603, and amendments thereto or upon the board's motion and the making of an order in like manner as in the case of organizing any fire district under K.S.A. 19-3602 when the fire district no longer has any territory or lands.