

*****January 14, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben 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; Fran Keppler, County Clerk; Stacey Driscoll, County Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Owens commented

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben testified on SCR1616, the assessment cap, at the Capital.

Commissioner Smith reminded everyone of the LCDC annual meeting this Friday.

Commissioner Reid attended the Governor's State of the State address.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to adjourn sine die.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint temporary chairperson Mike Stieben.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to convene as the new Board of County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner Stieben as chairperson for 2026.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to keep meeting days on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. on a regular basis.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson approve the official newspaper as the Leavenworth Times.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2026-1, designating the bank depository for the County as Commerce Bank.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2026-2, establishing a Municipal Investment Pool and authorizing the individuals listed to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2026-3, waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120 a(a) as they apply to the County of Leavenworth for year ended 2025.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Smith indicated he would like to see the base salary for the Register of Deeds the same as the County Clerk and Treasurer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjust the Register of Deeds base salary to align with the County Clerk and Treasurer.

Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Reid voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2026-4, setting the official's salaries as amended by our vote.

Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Reid voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to renew the cereal malt beverage license for Lakestop LLC, located at 15621 158th St., Bonner Springs, KS.

Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioners Stieben and Dove voting nay.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-39, amending the articles of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-39, amending the articles of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson provided examples of contracts for services with military installations.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:45 a.m.