

*****January 5, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Ed Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner-Elect; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: AW Himpel, Joe Herring, Dennis Taylor, John Matthews

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry presented an outline for the challenge coin that will be presented to the local school districts.

It was the consensus of the Board to use the Courthouse and the state motto on the opposite side of the challenge coin.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if the Board intended to match funds with cities on ARPA funds for road improvement projects.

Mr. Loughry indicated the second half of the funds have not been received but felt it was the intention of the Board to wait to see what the final direction from the federal government was on how the funds can be utilized and what county projects are available.

Commissioner Culbertson reported he will be voting at a KAC meeting this afternoon to allow the Kansas Human Resources Association to be admitted to the Kansas Association of Counties as an affiliate member instead of an associate member making them a voting member of KAC indicating he will be voting yes and asking the Board if they were agreeable to that vote.

It was the consensus that Commissioner Culbertson votes yes at the KAC meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson stated the city of Easton passed a no jake-braking ordinance within the city limits and asked for a consensus from the Board to have Public Works put the signs up.

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Commissioner Culbertson reported he has been working on exposed high-pressure gas lines asking if the Board could direct the County Counselor to draft a resolution that states exposed high-pressure gas lines are against County regulations.

David Van Parys stated the Board could enact a resolution based on the public safety principle.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about businesses operating without a special use permit and penalties after they come into compliance.

Mr. Van Parys indicated once an application is submitted on such businesses an additional fee could be attached.

Commissioner Doug Smith recognized that Community Corrections received a juvenile crime prevention grant. He inquired if there has been a boat count from the storage businesses on how many out of county boats are stored within Leavenworth County.

Mr. Loughrystated he would ask the County Appraiser but indicated the business owners where not obligated to report that information.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

David Van Parys presented Resolution 2022-1, approving the execution and delivery of an agreement to release and assign the city's opioid claims to the Kansas Attorney General certifying costs attributable to substance abuse and addition mitigation in excess of \$500.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2022-1, opioid proceeds.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith announced Harbor Freight is scheduled to open January 11. He will attend the swearing in of the new council members for the city of Lansing.

Commissioner Doug Smith recognized the County Shop for an excellent job of the snow removal.

Commissioner Stieben attended the Tonganoxie City Council meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting and attended the Leavenworth City Commission work session. He is working with Council on Aging for a spring benefit concert.

Commissioner Kaaz reported a joint board meeting will be held next week for Fire District #1.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:36 a.m.