The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Jamie Miller, EMS Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Joe Herring, John Matthews, Mike Reilly, Delbert Rhudy, Robert Owens, Chip Demoss, Joshua Zenger, Ken Hancock, Audrey Moody

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Delbert Rhudy, Joe Herring, Mike Reilly and Robert Owens commented on an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry shared a video about LAVTR.

The Board briefly discussed LAVTR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller requested authorization to purchase a replacement ambulance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and second by Commissioner Mike Smith to authorize EMS to order a replacement ambulance from ARV for the year 2025.

Commissioner Culbertson asked the Board for a consensus to reach out to entities that use EMS services to help pay for the service that don't pay for now.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a work session to discuss further.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a cost share agreement with KDOT for the 235th Street road improvement project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the KDOT cost share agreement for the 235th Street road improvement project.

Motion passed, 5-0.

John Jacobson presented Resolution 2023-25, a special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2023-25 a special use permit on the Whiskey Ridge Event Center omitting the definite date.

Commissioner Stieben added to the motion and Commissioner Mike Smith seconded that a stayed 10-year initial period with an automatic renewal.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Jacobson presented Resolution 2023-27, a rezone from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located 20571 219th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2023-27, a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located 20571 219th St.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Jacobson presented Resolution 2023-26, a rezone from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located 21658 Loring Rd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2023-26, a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 21658 Loring Rd.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Jacobson presented Case Number DEV-23-118, a rezone from RR-2.5 to RR-1 located 17679 166th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to send it back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further study beyond the various issues and get additional information.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting, the Fairmount Township meeting and attended a retirement ceremony for a Public Works employee.

Commissioner Stieben attended a forum about Medicaid expansion. He will attend an Economic Conference in Wichita. He noted a fundraiser on October 13th at 6:00 p.m. for Sparrow Clinic.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a Transit Authority meeting.

Joshua Zenger, Ken Hancock and Audrey Moody commented.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:26 a.m.