

*****December 17, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Reid, and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cecilia Pruitt, Jeremy Greenamyre, Gary Blackmer, Jerry Pruitt and Keith Longhofer commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Bill Noll informed the Board this year's snow removal plans and winter road maintenance.

Commissioner Smith reminded the Board to review the work session letter for voter enhancement.

Commissioner Stieben addressed the process issue with the powerplant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 17, 2025, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Brian Habjan, Chairman of LCDC Board, presented information on a powerplant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to decline to express a letter of interest to locate a nuclear reactor in Leavenworth County.

Motion failed, 1-3, Commissioners Smith, Dove and Reid voting nay and Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve a letter of interest for a powerplant to LCDC.

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

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

Commissioner Stieben inquired of counsel if there is a mechanism to place the powerplant issue on an advisory election.

Misty Brown reported that the statute does allow for an advisory election but indicated it is a non-binding election.

Commissioner Stieben indicated that is information he would like to have.

Jamie VanHouten requested appointment to the JCAB Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the request to select an education appointment to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and it is Shawn Derritt

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. VanHouten requested approve to expend funds from the opioid settlement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the request for Community Corrections to utilize Opiate Settlement Funding to maintain Cognitive Program Facilitator established in 2023 through the use of these funds and utilize a portion of funds to meet matching requirements for the JMHCP BJA grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben will be attending the KCATA meeting.

Commissioners Smith and Dove attending the NACO conference in Wichita.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:51 a.m.