

\*\*\*\*\*December 23, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Reid is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Aaron Yoakam, Building and Grounds Director; Stacy Driscoll, County Treasurer

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Mark Loughry presented unfilled positions within the County and inquired if the Board wishes to take those funds out of their budgets.

It was the consensus of the Board to not bring this back this year.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about advisory elections.

Misty Brown reported advisory elections are possible but not favorable or binding.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about options on how to proceed on the TerraPower plant.

Mr. Loughry indicated the letter of interest was sent to the Department of Commerce and then whenever there is information to share, they will release it.

Commissioner Smith reminded everyone about the voter enhancement work session and to get in touch with the superintendents in their district.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Tuesday, December 23, 2025, as presented.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

John Jacobson presented Case DEV-25-109, a final plat for Marxen North.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-109 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 as adopted by the Planning Commission.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Jacobson presented Case DEV-25-111, a final plat for Marxen South.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-111 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 as adopted by the Planning Commission.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Amendments to the 2025 budget.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

Mark Loughry presented the budget amendments to the 2025 budget.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the amendments to the Leavenworth County budget for 2025.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Bill Noll presented Board Order 2025-16, transferring funds from the local service fund to the equipment reserve fund.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-16, transferring funds from the local service fund to the equipment reserve fund in the amount of \$200,000.00.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Aaron Yoakam presented Board Order 2025-17, transferring funds from the special building, buildings and grounds fund to the capital improvement fund designated for Courthouse renovations.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-17, transferring funds from the special building, buildings and grounds fund to the capital improvement fund designated for Courthouse renovations in the amount of \$880,000.00.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Noll presented Board Order 2025-18, transferring funds from the road and bridge fund to the capital road fund.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-18, transferring funds from the road and bridge fund to the capital road fund in the amount of \$1,700,000.00.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Noll presented Board Order 2025-19, transferring funds from the local service road and bridge fund to the capital road fund.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-19, transferring funds from the local service road and bridge fund to the capital road fund in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Noll requested acceptance of a bid from Norfolk Contracting for the replacement of bridge A-07.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept the bid from Norfolk Contracting for the replacement of bridge A-07 on Lecompton Road in the amount of \$226,469.00 with a 10% contingency.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Noll requested acceptance of a bid from SMH Engineering for the design of 235<sup>th</sup> St.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the design proposal from SMH Engineering for the 235<sup>th</sup> St. from 4-H Road to K-92 Highway in the amount of \$475,555.00.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Noll requested approval to approach KDOT regarding an agreement to relocate the Sherman Township salt dome and grader storage to their K-32 storage area.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve to request KDOT to enter into an agreement to allow the County to relocate the Sherman Township salt dome and grader storage to their K-32 storage area.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to contract negotiations and legal interest of the County which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that Board resume open meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry, County Counselor Misty Brown, and Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board has returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioners Culbertson and Dove spoke with a representative from NACO regarding PILOT checks.

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

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

The Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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