

*****February 25, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bob Weber, Appraiser, Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike McDonald, Stacy Schmidt, Nancy Carpenter, Brian Morley and Ted Grinter commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reid requested an update on the status of the Kaw Valley application.

Misty Brown indicated Kaw Valley has requested more time and is scheduled for the March 25th meeting.

Ms. Brown clarified the application process regarding special use permits.

Bill Noll reported the County received a proposal for a lease agreement for a small area of the rock quarry.

Mark Loughry reported the bill for sales tax for emergency communication will be on the Senate Taxation Committee tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Stieben attended the MARC meeting indicating they are upgrading the 911 platforms for all Leavenworth areas.

Commissioner Stieben indicated Miami County is considering a two -year moratorium on data centers.

Commissioner Stieben reported staff from KCATA will be at the April 1 meeting.

Commissioner Reid indicated Senator Klemp recognized two pages from Leavenworth County in this session. She passed along that if anyone is interested in being a page in the next session to contact her or Senator Klemp.

Commissioner Reid attended the Women's Leavenworth/Lansing Chamber luncheon yesterday indicating it has strong leadership right now.

Commissioner Culbertson inquired where the superintendents are at with the voter enhancement.

Mr. Loughry indicated the superintendents were to meet and bring back any ideas to the Board.

Commissioner Smith attended the K-5 modernization project meeting.

Commissioner Dove reported the city of Basehor will hold a State of the City Address on March 10th.

The Commissioners will participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

The Board briefly discussed property tax and tax revenue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 25, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Brown briefed the Board what the Judicial Nominating Committee does.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Greg Beck to the Judicial Nominating Committee.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Colonel Sunday briefed the Board where Fort Leavenworth is at with negotiations for EMS services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a letter of concern about Leavenworth County EMS services.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-26-005, a preliminary and final plat for McCollum Acres.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-26-005 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 as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bob Weber requested approval of Board Order 2026-2, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for tax ID 1-15538.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Board Order 2026-2, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for tax ID 1-15538, located at 14097 Huntington Ln., Leavenworth, KS in the amount of \$25,275.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Weber presented the quarterly report for the Appraiser's office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to litigation and the 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 11:10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive session will be Commissioners Mike Stieben, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Smith, County Administrator Mark Loughry, and County Counselor Misty Brown.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:10 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The discussion was limited to the legal interests of the County.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Final Approved