The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; Larry Malbrough, Information Systems; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Dennis Taylor, John Matthews, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Doug Smith recognized the passing of AW "Rocky" Himpel.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if there was an agreement from the Board for any funding on the Port Authority spec building project.

Commissioner Kaaz requested a work session with the Port Authority.

It was the consensus of the Board to scheduled a work session after the County budget hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 20, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bob Weber presented Board Order 2022-4, granting disaster relief tax abatement of property taxes on certain homesteads damaged by tornado and fire.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Board Order 2022-4, disaster relief tax abatement for buildings destroyed by the May 28, 2019 tornado and three homes destroyed by fires identified by the County Appraiser.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Larry Malbrough presented the quarterly report for the Information Systems Department.

Jamie Miller presented the quarterly reports for the EMS and Health Departments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of pending litigation involving the legal interests of the County as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel for the Board which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that Board resume open meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive session will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys and County Administrator Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board has returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Culbertson reported the Council on Aging benefit raised approximately \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Port Authority meeting, Adult Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith spoke at the International Student's Honorary Citizen's Day, spoke with citizens from Mongolia about the justice system and attended the Fire District #1 board meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting and the Council on Aging fundraiser.

Commissioner Stieben met with the County Economic Administrator regarding the battery plant coming to Desoto.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

A work session was held to discuss the right of way acquisition policy.

The work session ended at 11:03 a.m.