

*****July 30, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Amy Allison, Deputy Planning and Zoning Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

April Cromer, Paul Cromer, Barbara Williams, Dani Redmon, Betty Klinedeist; Jay Lickey, Trena Gilford, Jason Redmon, Richard Paz, William Page, John Redden, Janie Stockman and Caleb Gordon commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to move to approve the proclamation.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

Commissioner Smith read the Traditional Family Values Month Proclamation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 30, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-25, a rezone request from RR-5 to RR-2.5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson move to adopt Resolution 2025-25 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-25-070 based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the findings as set forth in the staff report.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2025-26, a request for a special use permit for boat and RV storage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith approve with a condition of an extra condition requiring reporting of the equipment stored on premises on January 1 every year.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Case DEV-25-069 based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and findings set forth in the staff report as amended by the Commission as substantiated by the facts, testimony and evidence presented by the public hearing. Therefore, I move to adopt Resolution 2025-26 and approve the special use permit outlined in Case DEV-25-069 and that be approved.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Case DEV-25-063 and final plat for Sarll's 3rd Addition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-063 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 adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown presented a policy establishing a process for future right -of-way vacation requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to table for two weeks.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board discussed a policy regarding parental involvement and compliance with Title X regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to move for the adoption of the parental involvement policy in compliance with Title X regulations pertaining to abortion counseling and referral.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

The Board discussed the Riverbend RHID proposal with the developer, Joe Oakes.

The Board continued the discussion until August 13th.

Commissioner Stieben proposed to consider a Leavenworth Historical Arts and Civics Commission to oversee projects for historical societies.

It was the consensus of the Board not to pursue that at this time.

Mark Loughry presented the financial impact of unfilled positions.

Andy Dedeke spoke about the unfilled positions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to instruct the County Administrator to bring the Board Orders with the exception of any overtime provisions out of the reductions from the Sheriff's Office.

Motion failed 3-2 Commissioners Stieben and Reid voting aye.

The Board will hold an Economic Development Summit on August 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tonganoxie Board of Education Building.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Final Approved