

*****August 13, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Smith is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Jon Khalil, Deputy County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rebecca Mahan, John Redden, Daniel Clemens, April Cromer, Caleb Christopher, Tim Vandall, Tom Dials, Sara George, Richard Paz, Trena Gilford, Dave Vodarick, Mary Ryan, Betty Kleindist, Harland Russell, William Page, Jane Engelhardt, Paul Cromer, Ryan Burton, Mike Kenaga and Janie Stockman commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reid addressed comments made during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson addressed the parking places for Commissioners.

Commissioner Stieben spoke about infrastructure and road projects from federal funding and unfunded mandates.

Commissioner Dove spoke about RHID and tax abatements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board recessed for 5 minutes.

Bill Noll presented a contract with Pfefferkorn Engineering for the 235th St. project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the contract with Pfefferkorn Engineering Environmental, LLC for construction engineering for the 235th St. project in the amount of \$910,134.17 with a 7.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A right-of-way policy was presented for approval.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to 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 11:40 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 returned to regular session at 11:40 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-27, finding that the proposed reinvestment housing incentive district will have an adverse effect on Leavenworth County.

Chris Colson and Joe Oakes spoke about the Riverbend Heights RHID.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

The Board recessed for 5 minutes.

Jeremy Greenamyre conducted a presentation for Fairlane RHID.

Mark Loughry presented a revenue neutral budget.

It was the consensus of the Board to not cut anything from the budgets of Road and Bridge, the Health Department, Council on Aging, Commissioners, Treasurer's Office, Planning and Zoning, Sheriff, Courthouse General, Economic Development, District Court, Building maintenance, Noxious Weed and outside agencies.

It was the consensus of the Board to revisit the County Attorney's budget.

There were no cuts shown to the budgets of Employee Benefits, Clerk's Office, Register of Deeds, EMS, County Counselor, Information Systems, Human Resources, Appraiser, GIS, Elections and Administration.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 1:43 p.m.