

*****August 17, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 17, 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Larry Malbrough, Information Systems Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Todd Thompson, County Attorney; Edna Wagner and William Wallace with the Richard Allen Cultural Center; Joanna Schultz, Dave York, Tony Majors, Carla Wieggers and Alyssa Wieggers with the Equal Justice Initiative Coalition; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Larry Van Fleet, Louis Klemp

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry updated the Board on the agreement with a contractor on the Eagle Crossing Subdivision.

Larry Van Fleet, contractor, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to authorize Olsson to go back out and review the asphalt at the contractor's expense.

Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Mike Smith voting nay.

Commissioner Doug Smith read a thank you note from the Himpel family.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if a special use permit applicant has not paid their property taxes in Wyandotte County how does that affect the status of the permit.

David Van Parys indicated a certificate of compliance with taxes would be required during the process of issuing a special use permit. He reported since the delinquent taxes are in Wyandotte County he does not feel it can be connected with the Leavenworth County permit.

Commissioner Stieben would like the Board to consider forming a task force dealing with property taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, August 17, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to appoint Carol Floyd to be the Township Treasurer to fill out the remainder of the term of Andy Stafford.

Motion failed, 2-3 Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz and Doug Smith voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to appoint Jim Watts to the Board for Treasurer of Sherman Township.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Larry Malbrough presented an agreement renewal with Spectrum for trunking circuit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to renew the agreement with Spectrum for the trunking circuit.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval of budge line adjustments for FY22 and approval of the carryover reimbursement budget for FY23 for Adult and Juvenile Community Corrections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the adult and juvenile Community Corrections budge line adjustments for FY22.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the carryover reimbursement budget for FY23.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Sonya Murphy requested approval of funding for furniture for the County Extension Office in the amount of \$24,200.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the funding request for furniture for the County Extension Office for \$24,200.00.

Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Doug Smith voting nay.

Joanna Schultz with the Equal Justice Initiative Coalition, requested the placement of a historical marker at the Courthouse.

It was the consensus of the Board to form a committee to draft a policy for the placement of markers at the Courthouse and will address this request by the end of the year.

Mr. Loughry presented two letters of support for applications for grants for broadband internet indicating one request involves funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve a letter of support for Midco Broadband.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve a letter of support for Charter Communications.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Chad Higdon with Second Harvest discussed projects and services provided to Leavenworth County.

Louis Klemp commented on a non-agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith 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

***11:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys, County Administrator Mark Loughry and attorney Andrew Holder.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board returned to regular session at 11:30 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Stieben met with Lisa Haack from LCDC.

Commissioner Culbertson met with taxpayers at Hilltop Market.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the LCDC meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting and the ribbon cutting of the new Linwood Elementary School. He also attended a livestock dinner at Murrfield Farms.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 11:31 a.m.