The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Mike Smith is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Joe Herring, Stuart Sweeney, John Matthews, Dennis Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring and Stuart Sweeney commented on agenda items.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reported that all vehicles that were stolen from Leavenworth County have been recovered.

Mr. Loughry reported a new round of funding has been announced through the American Recovery Act with allocations to capital projects.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the Atmos Energy case with the Kansas Corporation Commission with regards to the abandonment of utility services.

David Van Parys indicated all parties have retained private counsel and that Leavenworth County has participated to the fullest extent without significate time or money.

Commissioner Stieben requested the Kaw Valley special use permit be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Van Parys recommended any discussion be conducted in an executive session.

Commissioner Doug Smith expressed concern regarding FEMA funding from the May 2018 tornado.

Commissioner Kaaz requested to have the check registry removed from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 minus the check registry.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the check registry.

Motion passed, 3-0, Commissioner Kaaz abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to nominate Stuart Sweeney as the Sherman Township clerk.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Bill Noll requested the sale of surplus equipment on PurpleWave.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Public Works to put the equipment listed in surplus equipment on PurpleWave.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2021-44, a rezone from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 17326 242nd Street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2021-44, a rezone from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located on the east side of 242nd St.

Motion approved 4-0.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2021-45, a rezone from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at the intersection of 230th and Linwood Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Resolution 2021-45, a rezone from 5 to 2.5 acre on 230th St. and Linwood Rd.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2021-46, a text amendment to the 2006 Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, Article 32, recreational vehicles.

It was the consensus of the Board to have staff bring back language that allows for extensions via an application through the Planning and Zoning staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2021-46, a text amendment to Article 32, recreational vehicles.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioner Doug Smith reminded everyone of the fundraiser for Council on Aging on October 1. He attended the Basehor City Council meeting last week, the Fairmount Township Board meeting and the MARC Board of Directors meeting yesterday.

Commissioner Culbertson met with Water Districts 1,2 5 and will be meeting with water district 12 discussing the American Recovery Act funds. He reported he and Commissioner Doug Smith will be meeting with a group regarding the LAVTR funds.

Commissioner Kaaz volunteered at the Camp Leavenworth event over the weekend. She participated in the Workforce Development meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:55 a.m.