

*****April 5, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator

Mayor: Camalla Leonhard, Mayor Pro Tem: Jermaine Wilson

Leavenworth City Commissioners: Griff Martin, Edd Hingula, Nancy Bauder

A work session was held with the Leavenworth City Commission.

Discussion took place regarding regional transportation to include the Eastern Gateway and the Regional Transportation Study.

Discussion took place regarding taxation to include LAVTR, the appraisal system, mill levy and the payment in lieu of taxes from Fort Leavenworth.

Discussion took place regarding economic development to include the industrial parks and CoreCivic.

Discussion took place regarding current and future cost concerns.

The Board ended the work session at 7:20 p.m.

Final Approved

*****April 6, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Kelly Meyer, CASA Director; Deborah Lyles, CASA; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: AW Himpel, John Matthews, Dennis Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry requested approval for a letter of support for the RAISE grant application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the letter of support for the RAISE grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben raised a question of the authority of the Commission regarding tannerite in the County.

David Van Parys indicated the state fire marshal has authority to regulate and control explosives.

Commissioner Stieben reported a bill is waiting to be approved that would allow Commissioners to abate property taxes on out buildings damaged in a declared disaster.

Commissioner Culbertson addressed misinformation about appraisals and valuations conducted through the County Appraiser's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith that the County Commissioners tell the County Appraiser to freeze everyone's property values from 2021-2022, no increase in values.

Mr. Van Parys reported the action in the motion is not lawful as the County Commission cannot direct the County Appraiser as the Appraiser is directed by the Department of Revenue indicating the motion would be null and void under Kansas Law.

Commissioner Culbertson withdrew his motion and Commissioner Doug Smith withdrew his second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith that when the State follows the law of K.S.A. 79-2959 and 79-2964 and returns our LAVTR money we will use 100% of it to reduce our mill levy and relieve everyone's tax amount that they pay to the County.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith read a proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention month.

Kelly Meyer expressed her appreciation on behalf of CASA.

Mr. Loughry reported a vacancy on the Council on Aging advisory board and inquired on how the Board would like to proceed with the recommendation of the provided or to advertise for the position.

Commissioner Kaaz indicated the Commission should rely on the recommendations of the advisory board.

Mr. Loughry indicated he will put the recommendation on the consent agenda for next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 6, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested disposal of surplus equipment to sell on PurpleWave.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to authorize the Public Works Department to surplus the equipment listed to PurpleWave auctions.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented drawings from the Challenge Coin contest.

The Board selected a winner of the Challenge Coin contest.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Mental Health Task Force meeting. She will attend the Mental Health Summit next week.

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the city of Lansing is looking at building an aquatics center.

All Commissioners participated in a joint work session with the Leavenworth City Commission on Tuesday evening.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

*****April 13, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Dennis Taylor, Joe Herring, Shawn Britz

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben requested a meeting with all taxing entities.

It was the consensus to look at a date in June for a meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson spoke about the appraisal system and how it works.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board recognized a vacancy in Reno Township for a trustee position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to appoint Kirk Sours to be the township trustee for the remainder of the term.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

Krystal Voth presented the quarterly report for Planning and Zoning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that the Board 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. 79-4319(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 10:05 a.m. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys and County Administrator Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:05 a.m. no action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended a ribbon cutting ceremony in Lansing for Clearview Imaging, an integrative pain management center.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting and will participate in the Southern Leavenworth County Leadership meeting.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Final Approved

*****April 13, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

A work session was held to discuss wind regulations.

The Board ended the work session at 11:00 a.m.

Final Approved

*****April 20, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Aaron Yoakam, Building and Grounds Director, Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Dennis Taylor, AW Himpel, John Bradford, Margaret Howards, Maureen Hernandez, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reported the Appraiser will be sending out applications for abatement of taxes on out buildings damaged in the tornado since the Governor signed off on the storm damage for accessory buildings bill.

Mr. Loughry reminded the Board of a special meeting on Friday at 9:00 a.m. to review Flatlands SUP.

Commissioner Mike Smith and Stieben will be attending a conference next week and requested to appoint a temporary chair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that Commissioner Kaaz fill in as the chairperson.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson requested that a FEMA buyout lot near Easton be leased to the adjacent landowner to take care of the lot.

It was the consensus of the Board to take necessary steps to draft a lease agreement for the lot.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

John Bradford requested funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Leavenworth County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the finding request for the Leavenworth County Child Abuse Prevention Council in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A funding request was received from the city of Linwood for a water line project in the amount of \$50,000.00 with matching funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz direct staff to draft an agreement with the city of Linwood for a water line project to match ARPA funds received in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Doug Smith voting nay.

Tammy Saldivar presented the quarterly report for Solid Waste.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Building and Grounds.

Bill Noll presented the quarterly report for Public Works.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Mental Health Summit, LCDC meeting, LCPA meeting, the Adult Advisory Board meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended Basehor City Council meeting and spoke at the Leavenworth County Southern Leadership group. Commissioners Kaaz and Doug Smith will attend the JCAB meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Stieben spoke at the Leavenworth County Southern Leadership group. He conducted a townhall meeting and will hold another townhall this evening.

Commissioner Culbertson met with Representative Neeley regarding property taxes. He will participate in a Zoom meeting with Rural Leavenworth Inc. on May 3rd.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

*****April 20, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz 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 capital improvement projects.

The Board ended the work session at 11:32 a.m.

Final Approved

*****April 22, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a special session on Friday, April 22, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Doug Smith Commissioner Stieben is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; Ryan Boden, Attorney at Law; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Shawn and Christi Britz

The Board met in a special meeting to review Resolution 2019-10, a special use permit for Flatlands.

Krystal Voth presented a staff report for the review of the special use permit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to rescind the cease and desist order.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that we direct staff to start the review process as stated in County Regulations of Flatlands SUP for the purpose of either modifying the conditions or revoking the SUP.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

*****April 27, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Doug Smith are present; Commissioner Stieben is present by phone; Commissioner Mike Smith is absent; Mark Loughry, County Administrator is absent; Also present: David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: AW Himpel, Dennis Taylor, Paul and Janice Scott, Janis Camerlinck, Joe Herring, Oscar Avila, Stephen and Kathleen Reynolds, Jim Lockerby, Angie Erickson, Chance Hinds, Noe Marquez, Stacy Defries

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janice Camerlinck and Janis Scott commented on an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson requested a work session to discuss paving roads in the north end of the County.

Commissioner Doug Smith requested the agreement with the city of Basehor on 155th Street be placed on the agenda for next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval of the application of FY23 Adult and Juvenile Comprehensive Plans.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the 2023 Adult and Juvenile Comprehensive Plans.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Krystal Voth presented Case Number DEV-22-036, a temporary special use permit for Avila Charro Rodeo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to not approve Case Number DEV-22-039 temporary special use permit for Avila Charro Rodeo located on Cantrell Road and recommend they move their rodeo elsewhere.

Motion passed, 4-0.

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

Bob Weber presented the quarterly report for the Appraiser's office.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the MARC meeting and will attend the Basehor City Council meeting and Fairmount Township meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson will attend the Republican Townhall and will help with a fundraiser for Council on Aging on July 16.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the KCATA orientation, the Workforce Partnership meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

Motion passed, 3-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Final Approved