

*****October 5, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 5, 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; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Joe Herring, Nancy Carpenter, Mike McDonald, Amy Springer, Lynn Knudson, Stuart Sweeney

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben brought forward a request from Peruvian Connection for a letter of support for KDOT funding for George Rd for dust control or paving due to K16 rerouting. Consensus was to have staff prepare a letter or support for KDOT funding as long as it doesn't take away from other Leavenworth County projects.

Commissioner Kaaz recognized Daysia Reneau, a Leavenworth High School student for her performance and progression on The Voice. Commissioner Culbertson pointed out that she performs locally on Thursday nights.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 5, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board recognized a vacancy in the Sherman Township Trustee position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Angela Christopher to be the township trustee for the remainder of the term.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of the amendments to the Leavenworth County Design Standards.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the amendments to the Leavenworth County Design Standards as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Carpenter, Mike McDonald and Ben Morgan commented.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if Kaw Valley has filed any appeal in the lawsuit. Mr. Van Parys reported no official word has been received. The Board will discuss the matter in Executive session on October 26 when all commissioners and the administrator will be present.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the KCATA board meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith reminded that the intersection at 4th and Eisenhower will be closed for a week, most likely starting next week.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting.

Commissioner Mike Stieben attended the 5th District Property Tax Task Force meeting, spoke to Boy Scout Troup 357 and met with the Economic Development Director in Desoto. There will be a rally today at the courthouse supporting the Randy Leach cold case review.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the 5th District Property Tax Force meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

*****October 5, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Work sessions were held to discuss the formation of a property tax task force and the formation of a policy committee for historical marker placement.

The work session ended at 9:35 a.m.

Final Approved

*****October 12, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Mark Loughry, County Administrator is absent; Also present: David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Dennis Taylor, John Matthews, Joe Herring, Mike McDonald, Nancy Carpenter, Wes Baker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring commented on an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson reiterated that the next gravel roads to get paved will be in the north part of the county.

Commissioner Doug Smith referenced an article in the Kansas Association of Counties newspaper regarding county officials visiting Capitol Hill to stress the important of payment in lieu of taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board considered a funding request from the American Legion in the amount of \$8,000.00 for youth programs.

The Board tabled the matter until consultation with the County Clerk regarding funds.

Krystal Voth presented Resolution 2022-22, a special use permit for a contractor's yard for Consolidated Rural Water District #1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2022-22, issuing a special use permit for a contractor's yard for Consolidated Rural Water District #1 located at 21845 147th St.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Voth presented Resolution 2022-23, a rezoning request from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 20090 and 20130 Douglas Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2022-23, authorizing a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 20090 and 20130 Douglas Road.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Voth presented Resolution 2022-24, a rezoning request from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 20682 and 00000 195th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2022-24, authorizing a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 20682 and 00000 195th St. Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Voth presented Resolution 2022-25, a rezoning request from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 21242 and 21278 Dempsey Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2022-25, authorizing a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 21242 and 21278 Dempsey Road.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Doug Smith abstained.

Ms. Voth presented the quarterly report for Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Kaaz requested a work session to discuss special use permits.

Tammy Saldivar presented the quarterly report for the Solid Waste Department.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben 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. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel for the Board which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that the Board resume open meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Stieben, and Senior County Counselor David Van Parys.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the city of Lansing will hold an open house this evening at the Lansing Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed aquatics center. He also announced the Angels Falls Festival in Lansing this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting.

Commissioner Stieben spoke to a boy scout troop in Tonganoxie and spoke with the women's group at the Cornerstone Church. He will be participating in an interview with Rural Leavenworth, Inc. today.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting last night.

Commissioner Kaaz was a judge for the Leavenworth High School Homecoming parade. She will attend the LCDC meeting tomorrow and a Workforce Partnership meeting on Friday.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

*****October 19, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Culbertson are absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Larry Malbrough, Information Systems Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Nancy Carpenter, Mike McDonald, Louis Klemp, Wes Baker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry addressed a funding request from the American Legion last week indicating the special alcohol funds are being distributed throughout the cities.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the cost and who will be located in the Cushing Building.

Mr. Loughry reported the Extension Office, Council on Aging and a Crisis Stabilization Unit will be located in the Cushing Building. He indicated the 3rd floor is under lease to a tenant that will provide a partial hospitalization mental health unit. He said most of the project was funded through ARPA funds coming in under \$5 million.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if Leavenworth County staff is actively negotiating with Kaw Valley.

Mr. Loughry reported Kaw Valley has reached out to schedule a meeting but that has not happened at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 19, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Bill Noll presented a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for the design of CR-30 from Dempsey Road to 4H Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for the design of CR-30 from Dempsey to 4H.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of the purchase of a new asphalt cold planer attachment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the purchase of a new cold planer attachment from Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$30,100.00.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Larry Malbrough presented the quarterly report for Information Systems.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Ground.

Mr. Noll presented the quarterly report for Public Works.

Nancy Carpenter and Louis Klemp commented on non-agenda items.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting and the Council on Aging fundraiser.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the Angel Fall Festival in Lansing and he will judge the Council on Aging Halloween costume contest.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn.
Motion passed, 3-0.***

The Board adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Final Approved

*****October 26, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Nancy Carpenter, John Matthews, Mike McDonald, Wes Baker, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mike Smith reported LCDC is having their VIP event on November 4th indicating he will be attending.

Commissioner Mike Smith inquired about the Veteran's Day parade. The Board decided they will be riding in the parade.

Commissioner Kaaz requested to pull the letter of support for US Bicycle Route 55 from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 26, 2022 as presented minus item G.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Kaaz expressed concerns on the bicycle route 55 with regards to the conditions of the roads on the route.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to reach out to the group to possibly select a different route.

Jamie Miller requested approval of the purchase of radio equipment for the Health Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the purchase of the replacement radio equipment for the Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz 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. 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 session at 9:50 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Mike Stieben, Senior County Counselor, David Van Parys and County Administrator, Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:50 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 Kaaz to put the issue of the Kaw Valley SUP and all issues related there-to on the agenda for November 30th.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Nancy Carpenter commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Culbertson attended the Chamber of Commerce forum.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the MARC meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Culbertson attended the Kansas Association of Counties conference last week. Commissioner Kaaz also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting. She will attend the KCATA meeting this afternoon.

Commissioner Mike Smith was a judge for the Council on Aging Halloween costume contest.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting tonight and the Fairmount Township meeting tomorrow evening.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:58 a.m.