

*****December 7, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 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; Sonya Murphy, Extension Office Local Unit Director; Andrew Holder, Legal Counsel; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Wes Baker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry announced Connie Harmon and Soma San graduated from the Kansas University Certified Public Management Program on Friday, December 2.

Mr. Loughry reminded the Board of the legislative breakfast scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 a.m.

Commissioner Stieben suggested to add property tax reform and medical marijuana to the list of subjects to discuss with representatives.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Sonya Murphy presented the 2023 budget form for the Extension Council for approval and signature.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to authorize the chairman to sign the Leavenworth County Extension Council budget form for 2023.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith 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. 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 10:00 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 Andrew Holder, Legal Counsel.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:00 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 Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to add an update to the public regarding the ongoing litigation with Flatland to the agenda for our January 11th Commission meeting.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the City of Lansing held their Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday.

Commissioner Stieben will meet with the Economic Development Director from Desoto to discuss the battery plant.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Final Approved

*****December 14, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 14, 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; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services Director; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Wes Baker, Kirk Sours

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

The Board scheduled a work session with Port Authority board members for January 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Culbertson inquired about the status of the high- pressure gas line resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Janet Klasinski presented two applicants for the vacant position of Fairmount Township Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben appoint Mark Nietzke to the four- year term to fulfill the Fairmount Township Clerk vacancy.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon presented the notification of grant approval for the Older American Acts Grant application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the grant for the Council on Aging Older Americans Act grant application for FY2023.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll presented Resolution 2022-27, a gravel road dust control policy and dust control request form.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2022-27, a gravel road dust control policy and the 2023 dust control request forms.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Kirk Sours notified the Board that Sherman and Reno Townships are discussing forming a fire district.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a Workforce Partnership meeting, a Mental Health Taskforce meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the Port Authority meeting and the American Legion Christmas parade.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting.

Commissioner Stieben toured the Peruvian Connection in southern Leavenworth County, met with Hill's Science Diet representatives and met with representatives from DeSoto.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Final Approved

*****December 21, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 21, 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Wes Baker, Eric McMillin, Louis Klemp

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reminded everyone the Courthouse will be closed Friday and Monday for the Christmas holiday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 21, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bob Weber presented Board Order 2022-7, a disaster relief tax abatement on two properties destroyed by fire.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2022-7, granting disaster relief tax abatement to two homes destroyed by fire.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith opened the public hearing for the amended 2022 Leavenworth County Budget.

Eric McMillin and Louis Klemp commented.

Commissioner Mike Smith closed the public hearing.

Mr. Loughry explained the amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to amend the 2022 Leavenworth County budget as presented by the County Clerk.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the MARC meeting and the Basehor City Council meeting. He will attend a retirement party at the County Shop.

Commissioner Stieben visited with the Sherman Township coordinator regarding the formation of a fire district and will be meeting with the chairman of the LCDC Board.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the MARC meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that this 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 9:50 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 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 Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that this Board recess from open session and go into a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) and to protect the privacy interests of the persons involved and that this Board resume open session in this meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Present in the executive session will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Doug Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry and others as invited by the Board.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to non-elected personnel.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

*****December 28, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 28, 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; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Wes Baker, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry requested approval of a check issued for a right-of-way acquisition on County Road 30.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a \$8,000.00 check for the right-of-way acquisition.

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

Commissioner Doug Smith reported local government day is January 25th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 28, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Krystal Voth presented Resolution 2022-28, a request for rezone from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located on 203rd St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve Resolution 2022-28, a rezone request from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 21420 203rd St.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben met with Lisa Haack with LCDC.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a KCATA meeting and Workforce Partnership meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith will attend the LCDC Annual Meeting on January 20th.

The Board briefly discussed the battery plant that will be located in DeSoto as regards to potential additional development and infrastructure.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:14 a.m.