

\*\*\*\*\*September 6, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Louis Klemp

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry spoke about a potential agreement with CoreCivic, Immigration, Customs Enforcement and Leavenworth County.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith that Leavenworth County will not become involved in any contractual arrangement with ICE, Immigrant Naturalization Custom Service for the purpose of serving as a party to an agreement or be an intermediary to hold illegal immigrants or any immigrants for any purpose at this time and no additional staff time of county staff will be devoted to negotiating such an agreement.*

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

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if anyone has changes to the letter by Representative Tim Johnson.

David Van Parys will incorporate changes to the letter.

Commissioner Doug Smith recognized Bill Noll for the grants received to replace two bridges.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 6, 2023 as presented.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Commissioners Stieben and Culbertson participated in the Kansas Association of Counties legislation policy committee.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the opening of the Veteran's Treatment Court.

Louis Klemp commented on non- agenda items.

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

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

The Board adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*September 6, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director

The Board held a work session to discuss the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board framework.

Direction was to staff to draft a resolution with changes discussed.

The Board ended the work session at 9:53 a.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*September 13, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Dennis Higgins, Joe Herring, Doug Powers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kaaz shared information for Suicide Prevention Month.

Bill Noll updated the board about a cost share grant with the city of Tonganoxie on 222<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about Corecivic and the release of detainees.

Mark Loughry spoke about the language in the agreement where the detainees would be released and the safe release program.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 as presented.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Jamie VanHouten requested approval of the FY24 Community Corrections Adult carryover reimbursement budget.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Community Corrections 2024 Adult carryover reimbursement budget.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Ms. VanHouten requested approval of the FY24 Community Corrections Juvenile carryover reimbursement budget.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the Community Corrections 2024 Juvenile carryover reimbursement budget.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

David Van Parys presented Resolution 2023-24, establishing a Leavenworth County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2023-24, establishing a Leavenworth County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and repealing Resolution 1999-7.***

***Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Kaaz voting nay.***

Bill Noll requested acceptance of 179<sup>th</sup> Street and Stillwell Road into the County road system.

Doug Powers spoke.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept 179<sup>th</sup> Street and Stillwell Road into the County road system with a four -year maintenance bond.***

***Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Culbertson voting nay.***

Mr. Noll requested acceptance of the roadway excluding right of way vegetation and grading within Eagle Crossing subdivision including Talon Drive, 155<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 156<sup>th</sup> Street.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept Eagle Crossing subdivision streets including Talon Drive, 155<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 156<sup>th</sup> Street***

***Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Culbertson voting nay.***

Mr. Noll requested to accept the bid from King's Construction for clean-up dirt work and seeding on 158<sup>th</sup> Street.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the bid by King's Construction for clean-up dirt work and reseeding of 158<sup>th</sup> Street.***

***Motion passed, 5-0***

Dennis Higgins commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting tonight and the LCDC meeting tomorrow.

Commissioners Stieben and Culbertson held a property tax force meeting in Tonganoxie. They both will be attending a Kansas Association of Counties meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> on LAVTR.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith will be meeting with Representative Buehler to discuss LAVTR and will present the same to the city of Lansing next Thursday.

Commissioner Kaaz will participate in a strategic planning event for KCATA on Saturday.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adjourn.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*September 13, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

The Board held a work session to discuss chip and seal maintenance and materials for 2024.

The Board ended the work session at 10:35 a.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*September 20, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Ed and Cindy Irvine

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Mike Smith to have Jeff Culbertson as the temporary chair today.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Jeff Culbertson read a proclamation for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Mark Loughry indicated the city of Leavenworth voted to not support CoreCivic and read a letter from the city voicing their concerns.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that Leavenworth County immediately stop negotiations with CoreCivic and ICE for the purpose of serving as a party to an agreement and also not to hold illegal immigrants or any immigrants for purpose at this time.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Commissioner Culbertson read a letter he wrote about LAVTR taking information from the Kansas Association of Counties and asked the Commission for changes or additions to the letter.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 as presented.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Ed Irvine and Steve Vernon commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Stieben held a meet and greet in Tonganoxie. He attended Tongie Days, the Leavenworth Women's Club meeting and the Property Tax Task force meeting. He will hold an Elephant Club meeting this Thursday. On October 5, he will tour a c&d landfill in Olathe with Commissioner Culbertson.

Commissioner Culbertson mentioned the Little Stranger Pie Social will be Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith met with Representative Buehler and will speak at the Lansing City Council meeting regarding LAVTR.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting, the LCDC meeting and Senator Tyson's presentation.

Bill Noll spoke about a cost share grant with the city of Lansing for a bridge replacement and asked for a letter of support for the grant.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to draft the letter of support.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*September 27, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Joe Herring, Ralph Wiggins

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring commented on an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry updated the Board on the status of the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.

Commissioner Stieben recognized the passing of Linda French.

Commissioner Kaaz recognized the passing of Commissioner Mike Smith's sister.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 27, 2023 as presented.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

John Jacobson presented Case Number DEV-23-092 and 093, a preliminary and final plat for Sunny Side Estates.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Case Number DEV-23-092 and 093 preliminary and final plat for Sunny Side Estates 2<sup>nd</sup>.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Jacobson presented Case Number DEV-23-102 and 103, a preliminary and final plat for Dodge Addition.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Case Number DEV-23-102 and 103 preliminary and final plat for Dodge Addition.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Bob Weber requested approval of Board Order 2023-5, approving the disaster relief tax abatement for buildings listed in Exhibit A as provided by the County Appraiser.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Board Order 2023-5, approving the disaster relief tax abatement for buildings listed in Exhibit A as provided.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

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



Ralph Wiggins commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Mike Smith gave a presentation to the city of Lansing regarding LAVTR.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a forum at the World War II museum at Ft. Leavenworth, volunteered for Camp Leavenworth and attended the Workforce Partnership CEO meeting. She also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the MARC meeting. He will attend the Basehor City Council meeting, the Fairmount Township meeting and retirement ceremony for Public Works employee, Doug Llamas on Friday.

Commissioner Stieben will participate in a zoom meeting through KAC about LAVTR. He attended a meeting on Thursday at the Elephant Club with Senator Gossage about Medicaid expansion.

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

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Final Approved