

*****February 7, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith 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:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry presented a letter to the Board regarding the border crisis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the letter as amended and submit it to our elected officials.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an updated mileage reimbursement policy.

It was the consensus of the Board to draft a policy based on option B.

Commissioner Stieben inquired when an update will be presented for Flatlands.

David Van Parys indicated there was not a date certain set, but anticipated an update by the end of February.

Commissioner Stieben reported Riley County will be presented a bill regarding a nuisance abatement act and inquired if Leavenworth County would like to join in on.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to appoint Lois Meadows as a non-lawyer member of the Judicial Nominating Committee.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith will attend the retirement ceremony for Scarlet Ross on Friday at the Council on Aging.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported the livestock buyer's annual fundraiser will be held on February 24.

Commissioner Stieben met with a representative from Representative Jake Laturner's office and the Public Works Director about congressionally appropriating funding. He also submitted testimony on Senate Bill 349.

Commissioners Kaaz and Stieben will attend the NACO 2024 Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. on February 9 through February 13.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Final Approved

*****February 7, 2024*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Cindy Irvine, Joe Herring, Bryan Zesiger

The Board held a work session to discuss special use permit tiering systems and the formation of a utilities commission.

The Board ended the work session at 9:56 a.m.

Final Approved

*****February 14, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Andy Dedeke, Leavenworth County Sheriff; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Michelle Hill

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Hill commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry showed drone video of repairs to the Courthouse that need to be addressed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Andy Dedeke requested an apportionment of reimbursement funds from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services for incarcerated individuals awaiting court ordered competency evaluations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to allow an apportionment of reimbursement funds from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services for incarcerated individuals awaiting court ordered competency evaluations for a total of \$75, 045.00.

Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioner Doug Smith and Stieben voting nay.

Commissioner Mike Smith spoke about funding for Riverside Resources indicating he brought this up prior to the repairs to the Courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to table this matter for six weeks.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an amended mileage reimbursement policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the amendment to the mileage reimbursement section of the personnel manual.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioners Kaaz and Stieben attended the Kansas Association of Counties Conference in Washington D.C.

Commissioners Doug Smith and Mike Smith will attend the Kansas Association of Counties spring conference.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Final Approved

*****February 21, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, 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; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Louis Klemp

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Doug Smith mentioned House Bill 2599 pertaining to fees for open records inquiring how that would affect the county.

David Van Parys indicated if the new bill is passed it would require the county to not charge anything if the search for the record is less than \$100.00. which would cover 95% of the requests received. He indicated the fiscal impact to the county would be nominal.

Commissioner Doug Smith mentioned Senate Bill 468 pertaining to economic development restrictions with regards to revenue neutral.

Mark Loughry indicated staff has not had a chance to review the bill to sufficiently provide an economic impact.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if there is a need for an executive session to discuss legal matters.

Mr. Van Parys indicated he could provide a legal overview in the next week or two.

Commissioner Stieben reported the property tax bill passed through the senate and is sitting at the house taxation committee indicating the legislators have determined they may not have a hearing on it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of the 2024 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report and the 2024 Noxious Weed Management Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the 2024 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report and the 2024 Noxious Weed Management Plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of the minimum area for the Federal Highway Administration adjusted urban boundary in Leavenworth County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the minimum area for the Federal Highway Administration adjusted urban boundary in Leavenworth County.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board discussed the MARC scoring of county projects.

Commissioners Culbertson and Doug Smith attended a home school presentation.

Commissioners Doug Smith and Stieben attended Representative Jake LaTurner's speech and both will be attending the Juvenile Advisory Board meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Port Authority meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith will meet with Tim Vandall, city of Lansing next month.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Final Approved

*****February 28, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Louis Klemp Richard Ewoldsen

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mike Smith inquired about who will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Commissioner Mike Smith inquired about who will be attending the groundbreaking in Basehor for 155th St. and MetroGreen Trail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Janet Klasinski presented Board Order 2024-1, transferring funds from the Courthouse General Department to the Equipment Reserve/Jail Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve Board Order 2024-1, transferring funds from the Courthouse General Department in General Fund to the Equipment Reserve/Jail Fund.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Stieben voting nay.

Ms. Klasinski requested the appointment of a treasurer to the Sherman Township Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to reappoint Carol Floyd to the Sherman Township Board.

Richard Ewoldsen spoke and requested the Board to continue this matter

Motion passed, 5-0.

Tammy Saldivar requested approval of the 2024 Solid Waste Committee Member Roster.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the 2024 Solid Waste Committee Member Roster.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller requested approval of a proposal from DH Pace Systems Integration Group for locking system to EMS Station #3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to authorize EMS to accept the proposal from DH Pace Systems Integration Group to update and replace the electronic door locking system to EMS Station #3 in an amount not to exceed \$19,561.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bob Weber requested approval of Board Order 2024-2, a disaster relief tax abatement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve Board Order 2024-2, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for buildings on property substantially destroyed by fire located at 22303 227th St.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Fairmount Township Board meeting and the MARC meeting.

Commissioners Stieben and Kaaz attended the mid-session report for legislation. He also reported that House Bill 2493 is dead regarding Kansas Rural Water Districts public bidding.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Adult Corrections Advisory Board meeting and will be attending the Transit Authority meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith met with the Lansing City Administrator, Tim Vandall.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and will attend the budget program through the Kansas Association of Counties.

Commissioners Doug Smith and Stieben also attended the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board meeting last week.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:09 a.m.