

*****March 6, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 6, 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; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson read a proclamation proclaiming March for Meals for Council on Aging.

Connie Harmon introduced Dawn Owens as the new assistant director for the Council on Aging.

Mark Loughry reported a term is due to expire for a member that the Board appoints to the Port Authority.

Commissioner Kaaz reminded everyone that the primary election is going on and to get out and vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Harmon requested approval of a MOU with the University of Saint Mary's to allow social work students to complete fieldwork at the Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to authorize the chairman to sign a MOU with the University of Saint Mary's social work program and Council on Aging.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Aaron Yoakam requested approval of a service contract with Honeywell for HVAC control systems.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve a service contract with Honeywell for HVAC control systems.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller requested approval of the application for Aid to Local Grants for the Health Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to authorize the chairman to sign the application for Aid to Local Grants for the Health Department.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge T-34 on 219th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge T-34 on 219th St in the amount of \$59,250.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge A-49 on 211th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge A-49 on 211th St. in the amount of \$59,250.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a bid from Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge T-34 on 219th St. in the amount of \$765,640.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a bid from Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge A-49 on 211th St. in the amount of \$785,369.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a bid from MegaKC Corporation for the replacement of box culverts SH-63, HP-29 and HP-30 in the amount of \$1,564,500.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a bid from MegaKC Corporation for the replacement of box culverts SH-63, HP-29 and HP-30 in the amount of \$1,564,500.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a request for Midco for a co-investment contribution for Broadband Acceleration Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to authorize staff to draft a letter to Midco with the in-kind contribution up to \$4,000.00.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that this Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of potential 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 10:45 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Mike Stieben, Senior County Counselor, David Van Parys, County Counselor, Misty Brown, outside legal counsel, Andrew Holder, County Administrator, Mark Loughry and others that may be called by the Board.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Kaaz attended in the KCATA Board of Directors meeting and the groundbreaking for the streetcar extension.

Commissioner Mike Smith reminded everyone of the groundbreaking in Basehor on Friday.

Commissioner Culbertson will participate in the MARC climate meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Stieben reported LCDC will have a representative from the Union Pacific Railroad.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Final Approved

*****March 6, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Tom Cole, Economic Development Administrator

The Board held a work session to discuss an economic development policy.

The Board ended the work session at 11:39 a.m.

Final Approved

*****March 13, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 13, 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Janet Klasinski requested the chairman to randomly select two precincts for audit.

Commissioner Culbertson randomly selected Second Precinct, 5th Ward and Bowling /High Prairie.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Kaaz mentioned concerns about appointing Tom Cole to the Port Authority Board indicating the position should be advertised to give others an opportunity that may be interested in becoming a member.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to appoint Tom Cole to the Leavenworth County Port Authority Board.

Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioners Kaaz and Doug Smith voting nay.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and met with Lansing officials about options to expand Ride LV into the city of Lansing. She also attended the Transit Authority meeting last week.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the groundbreaking ceremony in the city of Basehor along with other Commissioners. He met with Commissioner Stieben and Fair Board members to discuss future budget items. He reported work on the new Lansing Aquatics Center will take place on April 1.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting. Commissioners will participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday.

Commissioner Stieben reported on bills being proposed in Topeka.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

*****March 20, 2024*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 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; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

City of Basehor: Mayor Dick Drennon, Leslee Rivarola, Maddie Waldeck, Ben Sims, Shari Standiferd

Residents: John Matthews, Steve Vernon

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Vernon commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Aaron Yoakam and Mark Loughry updated the Board about the repairs to the Courthouse.

David Warm and Ron Achelpohl from the Mid-America Regional Council reported on criteria for projects in Leavenworth County.

Commissioner Doug Smith commented on the Planning Commission's work session regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a work session with the Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a request to approve the expenditures for the 155th Street project and that they meet the ARPA requirements and authorize disbursement of \$2,000,000.00 to the city of Basehor.

Mayor Dick Drennon and Commissioner Shari Standiferd commented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to find that the submitted expenditures from the city of Basehor for the 155th Street project meet the ARPA requirements and authorize disbursement of \$2,000,000.00 of ARPA funds to the city of Basehor.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown presented Board Order 2024-3, directing the director of Public Works to place stop signs on county roads as needed in accordance with the MUTCD.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve Board Order 2024-3, directing the director of Public Works to place stop signs on county roads as needed in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Commissioners attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the State of the City Address for Basehor.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the climate meeting through MARC.

Commissioner Stieben delivered Meals on Wheels and testified in Topeka on the taxation committee.

Commissioner Kaaz delivered Meals on Wheels and attended a transit authority meeting. She also attended the Port Authority meeting, a finance meeting for KCATA, a Workforce Partnership meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Final Approved

*****March 20, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith 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 the Public Works capital improvement plan.

The Board ended the work session at 11:37 a.m.

Final Approved

*****March 25, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a special meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith are present; Commissioner Stieben is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

The Board held a special meeting to canvass the Presidential primary election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to convene as the Board of Election Canvassers.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Janet Klasinski reported on the election of March 19th with a 5.4% turnout.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to certify the election as presented by the Leavenworth County Clerk.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adjourn as the Board of Canvassers and return to the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

*****March 27, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 27, 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, David York, Pat Barnhardt, John Groves, Representatives from Riverside Resources

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David York commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reported Senator Moran has cancelled a press announcement that was scheduled for Thursday regarding funding for County Road 30.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if any legislative bill has been passed that will impact the County.

The Board discussed various bills being considered in Topeka and how they will impact the County's budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Pat Barnhardt requested the approval of the allocations from the Leavenworth County-Cities Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the recommendations for allocations from the Leavenworth County-Cities Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith commented on the funding for Riverside Resources.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to fund Riverside Resources for \$60,000.00.

Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioners Culbertson and Doug Smith voting nay.

Bill Noll requested approval of the KDOT cost share grant program agreement extension for County Road 30.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the KDOT cost share grant program agreement extension for County Road 30/235th Street.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract with Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge A-49 on 211th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a contract with Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge A-49 on 211th Street in the amount of \$785,369.00 with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract with Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge T-34 on 219th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a contract with Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge T-34 on 219th Street in the amount of \$765,640.00 with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract with MegaKC Corp for the replacement of box culverts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a contract with MegaKC Corp for the replacement of box culverts for bridges SH-63, HP-29 and HP-30 in the amount of \$1,564,500.00 with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a proposal and fee from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering inspection on bridge A-60 on 215th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a proposal and fee from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering inspection on bridge A-60 on 215th Street in the amount of \$25,254.00.

Motion passed, 5-0

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

Commissioner Kaaz attended the finance meeting for KCATA and the NEK-CAP meeting. She will be attending the Transit Authority meeting this afternoon.

Commissioner Mike Smith participated in the delivery of Meals on Wheels.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

*****March 27, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director

The Board held a work session to discuss the Buildings and Grounds capital improvement plan.

The Board ended the work session at 10:21 a.m.

Final Approved