

*****April 3, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 3, 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; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Deborah Liles, CASA; David Frese, Mayor of Tonganoxie; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Joe Herring, staff from Evergy, staff from the city of Tonganoxie, staff from CASA

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring and Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson read a proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Commissioner Culbertson read a proclamation for National Government Month.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported that Jefferson County passed a resolution indicating they are a non-sanctuary county.

Commissioner Culbertson indicated he would like Leavenworth County to pass a similar resolution

Commissioner Culbertson reported there has been an interest from someone to lease a county owned FEMA lot. He inquired if there is a consensus to have staff draft a lease agreement.

It was the consensus of the Board to have staff draft a lease agreement for the FEMA property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

David Van Parys presented Board Order 2024-4, vacating an unopened, unused road right-of-way section of Evans and 228th Street.

Commissioner Culbertson opened public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Culbertson closed public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Board Order 2024-4, vacating an unopened, unused road right-of-way section Evans Road in the vicinity of Evans Road and 228th Street.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval to utilize the opiate settlement funding to reimburse The Guidance Center for benefits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve Community Corrections to utilize the opiate settlement funding from Municipalities Fighting Addiction funds to reimburse The Guidance Center for benefits and to provide sustainability for adult cognitive programs.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2024-9, a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adopt Resolution 2024-9 and approve the rezoning outlined in Case DEV-24-004 based on the findings on the Golden Factors, as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the findings of fact as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Doug Smith abstained.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2024-10, a rezoning from PR-1 to RR-5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to adopt Resolution 2024-10 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-24-005 based on the findings on the Golden Factors, as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the findings of fact as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Van Parys presented an annexation request from the city of Tonganoxie.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to table for 30 days to May 1.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Commissioner Kaaz attended a Transit Authority 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.

*****April 3, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, April 3, 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 capital improvement plan for Public Works and a utilities relocation policy and agreement.

The Board ended the work session at 11:29 a.m.

Final Approved

*****April 10, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 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; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Monica Swigert, Human Resources Administrator; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Rhonda Berry, Administrative Assistant for Community Corrections; Jay Hall, Attorney for Kansas Association of Counties; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Janet Klasinski requested the Board to sign a letter requesting reimbursement for the cost of conducting the Presidential Primary Election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to sign the letter requesting reimbursement for direct costs in the amount of \$41,190.33.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson ask for a consensus of the Board to lease FEMA property to the city of Easton.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to draft a lease agreement.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the non-sanctuary county resolution.

Commissioner Culbertson indicated he has reached out to Jefferson County for their verbiage.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the two positions in the County Attorney's Office that were funded due to COVID backlog. He indicated the County Attorney has announced the backlog is complete.

Mark Loughry indicated he will invite the County Attorney to a future meeting to discuss.

Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties reported on legislation in Topeka.

Commissioner Mike Smith requested to change the time of the meeting of April 24th to 10:00 a.m. due to the Commission attending a Supreme Court breakfast.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to move the April 24th meeting to 10:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Rhonda Berry requested approval of the application for FY2025 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan and FY2025 non-matching Juvenile Crime Prevention Community Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the application for FY2025 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan and FY2025 non-matching Juvenile Crime Prevention Community Grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a contract with Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering for inspection of bridge A-60.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve a contract with Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering for inspection of bridge A-60 on 215th St. in the amount of \$25, 254.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Monica Swigart presented the quarterly report for the Human Resources Department.

Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for the Council on Aging.

Commissioner Kaaz attended mandatory reporter training at the Guidance Center and a fundraiser for The Deeper Window. She also attended the advisory board for the Guidance Center and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith and Doug Smith will be attending the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting next week.

Commissioner Doug Smith and Stieben attended the JCAB meeting.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

*****April 10, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk

The Board held a work session to discuss budget goals.

The Board ended the work session at 11:02 a.m.

Final Approved

*****April 17, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioners Mike Smith and Doug Smith are absent; Mark Loughry, County Administrator is also absent; Also present: David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Larry Malbrough, Information Systems Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; Todd Thompson, County Attorney; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson read a constituent's letter regarding LAVTR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Bill Noll presented a contract for engineering construction services from Finney and Turnipseed for bridge A-49.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the contract with Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge A-49 on 211th Street in the amount of \$25,250.00.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Mr. Noll presented a contract for engineering construction services from Finney and Turnipseed for bridge T-34.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the contract with Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge T-34 on 219th Street in the amount of \$25,250.00.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the COVID backlog in the County Attorney's Office.

Todd Thompson indicated the positions are still needed.

Larry Malbrough presented the quarterly report for Information Systems.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Grounds.

John Jacobson presented the quarterly report for Planning and Zoning.

Mr. Noll presented the quarterly report for Public Works.

Commissioner Kaaz attended two Transit Authority meetings, the Port Authority meeting and the Basehor City Hall ribbon-cutting ceremony. She also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson met with staff from Fort Leavenworth about EMS services provided. He has requested the resolution language from Jefferson County regarding the non-sanctuary county and is also working with the city of Easton on two FEMA lots.

Commissioner Stieben attended the LCDC meeting and a Panasonic plant meeting.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Final Approved

*****April 24, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Caleb Gordon, Leavenworth County Treasurer; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Dave Breuer, Louis Klemp, Stacy Driscoll, Scott Loyd

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reported the payment to the city of Basehor for the 155th Street project has been paid.

Commissioner Doug Smith and Mike Smith will update the Board next week on the Kansas County Commissioners Association conference they attended. Commissioner Doug Smith inquired about the reapplication of dust control on Hemphill Road that is being used as a detour for construction on County Road 25. He believes the dust control individuals have already paid for will not hold up to the traffic.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported the Mid-America Regional Council voted to include unincorporated areas of Basehor and Tonganoxie into the urban areas. He inquired if the County has projects within those areas if we have to go through MARC to get funding.

Mr. Loughry will have staff look into how this will impact the County's grant application process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Janet Klasinski reported on the Basehor #458 mail-in ballot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to certify the city of Basehor's #458 mail-in ballot.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Caleb Gordon requested funding for an audit for the Leavenworth County Treasurer's Office from Loyd Group, LLC.

Scott Loyd with Loyd Group, LLC spoke.

Commissioner Mike Smith suggested to audit last year and find funding within the Treasurer's budget. He indicated if anything is found in that audit to bring it back to the Commission.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval of the application for FY2025 Adult Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the application for FY2025 adult comprehensive plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. VanHouten requested approval of a budget line-item adjustment for FY2024 Juvenile Crime Prevention budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the budget line-item adjustment for FY2024 Juvenile Crime Prevention budget.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. VanHouten presented the quarterly report for adult and juvenile Community Corrections.

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 subjects involving the legal interests of the County and confidential matters related to pending litigation as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that Board resume open meeting at 11:45 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, County Counselor, Misty Brown and County Administrator, Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular meeting at 11:45 a.m. No action was taken; discussion was limited to pending litigation and confidential matters related to it.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a ribbon cutting for the new Basehor City Hall and the new financial institution. She participated in the Workforce Partnership, the adult advisory board meeting and attended the Supreme Court cases in Lansing.

The Commissioners participated in the Supreme Court Justice breakfast this morning.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the MARC meeting.

Commissioner Stieben participated as a delegate for a second district meeting to elect delegates to the Republic National Convention.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.