

*****August 7, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 7, 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; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission;

Residents: Joe Wilson

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mike Smith mentioned the County Administrator's evaluation is due by next Wednesday.

Janet Klasinski briefed the Board on the primary election and requested a random pick of precincts for the audit that will take place Friday morning.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

David Van Parys presented a quit claim deed that contained errors for the lagoon in Water District #3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a quit-claim deed and correcting prior erroneous deed as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a change order on bridge ST- 60 project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the change order for base stabilization for project ST-60 on 206th Street in the amount of \$22,027.89.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry proposed options to the Board regarding the budget and mil levy.

It was the consensus of the Board to increase the mill levy by 2 mills, 1 mill to courthouse repairs and 1 mill to road and bridge.

Commissioners Culbertson and Mike Smith met with Parkville officials about the bridge 152 proposal.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported the city of Basehor will open a splash pad.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

*****August 14, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 14, 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Shayla Herrera, Community Corrections; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Brian Lee, Joe Wilson, Willie Dove

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Lee commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson will write a response to the proposed 2 mill levy increase due to the number of emails.

Commissioner Stieben requested the unfilled vacancies policy be placed on the agenda next week for discussion.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Klasinski updated the Board with the turnout of the primary and the audit.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing set for August 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing for Special Other Funds set for August 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Shayla Herrera requested approval of the FY2024 Adult Comprehensive Plan budget amendment and Juvenile Crime Community Prevention budget amendment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the 2024 Adult Comprehensive Plan budget amendment and 2024 Juvenile Crime Community Prevention budget amendment.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Herrera presented FY2024 Community Corrections year end outcome reports for the Adult Comp Plan and Juvenile Comp Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve FY2024 Community Corrections year end outcome reports for the FY2024 Adult Comp Plan and the FY2024 Juvenile Comp Plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Herrera requested approval of an application for FY2025 Community Programs Juvenile Justice Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the application for the FY2025 Community Programs Juvenile Justice Involved Youth Programs Grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board briefly discussed the budget.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Klasinski indicated there were no changes in the results of the election after counting the Provisionals and requested the Board to certify the election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept and certify the election of the votes of August 6, 2024 of the primary election.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith will address issues on the Lansing Government channel today.

The Mid America Regional Council will be at the Courthouse promoting City Selfie Day on Thursday.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported the city of Basehor opened their Splash Pad.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the KCATA Governing Support meeting and a Mental Health Advisory Board 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 9:44 a.m.

*****August 21, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 21, 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; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Scott Noyes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Noyes and Steve Vernon commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry requested the Board fill out the KAC Legislative Priorities List.

It was the consensus of the Board that they wait until the two new commissioners are on board to fill Commissioner Kaaz's vacancies on committees.

Commissioner Mike Smith reminded everyone to turn in the County Administrator's evaluation.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2024-19 and requested the matter be tabled until such time information is received from the State Fire Marshall's office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2024-19, Case DEV-24-030 to approve a special use permit.

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

Commissioner Doug Smith amended the motion to include Resolution 2024-19 and Commissioner Stieben seconded.

Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioner Mike Smith and Kaaz voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to table the annexation resolution for the city of Basehor until September 11, 2024

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry briefed the Board on the amendment to the unfilled vacancies policy.

The Board discussed the Port Authority budget along with their staff.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Port Authority meeting, the KCATA Finance Committee and the city of Leavenworth Commission 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 10:18 a.m.

Final Approved

*****August 28, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 28, 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; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson read an article he wrote about the County budget and property taxes.

Mark Loughry provided a powerpoint presentation showing budget statistics.

Commissioner Culbertson opened the public hearing for exceeding the revenue neutral rate and the Leavenworth County budget for 2025.

Mike Doyle, Bill Hadfield, Lisa Haack, Clarissa Rippee, Cindy McGuire, Denise Sullivan, Larry Scheller, Chad Schimke, Sherri Grogan, William Bergman, Connie Young, Jack Waldern, Don Young, Heather Green and Bob Keck spoke.

Commissioner Culbertson closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2024-20 a resolution to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate.

Motion passed, 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to reduce \$160,000.00 from the County Counselor position, remove the Budget Director position \$80,000.00, make a 1%, \$300,000.00 cut, \$100,000.00 for security at the front door, having one door open with the handicap door downstairs will be the public entrance for the next year saving us approximately \$640,000.00 and the reductions from all the departments with expenditures exceeding \$500,000.00 excluding the Health Department, EMS, Courthouse Building and Grounds and any and all funds with capital maintenance with the building and infrastructure getting us to a \$640,000.00 cut.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith to proposed 1.6 mills dropping from the 2 mills taking a few hundred thousand from the road and a few hundred thousand which would delay the payments on the roof which can still be done in a timely manner and fund the agencies trying to keep alive.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the Leavenworth County budget as presented.

Motion failed, Commissioners Doug Smith, Stieben and Mike Smith voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the county budget as proposed with the amendment of reducing \$230,000.00 out of the Courthouse repairs.

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

Commissioner Culbertson opened public hearing on Resolution 2024-21, a resolution to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Special-Other Funds budget.

No one spoke in opposition or in favor.

Commissioner Culbertson closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2024-21, a resolution to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Special-Other Funds budget.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the Leavenworth County Special-Other Funds budget for 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll presented a supplemental agreement with Wilson and Company for the 235th St. project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the supplemental agreement for engineering services with Wilson and Company for the 235th St. project.

Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Doug Smith abstained.

Mr. Noll requested approval of an increase of compensation for the cost of fencing in accordance with current 2022 land acquisition policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to increase the compensation for the cost to cure fencing for two properties in accordance with current 2022 land acquisition policy in the amount of \$17,347.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Fairmount Township meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz participated in the Workforce Partnership meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:37 a.m.