

\*\*\*\*\*November 6, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 6, 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 Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reported Riverside Resources is requesting a letter of support for a grant indicating it will be on the consent agenda next week.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if there is a policy regarding ambulance services that states individuals have to be taken to a certain hospital.

Mr. Loughry reported that there is no such policy or contract.

Commissioner Stieben clarified statements that were sent out in a mailer by a local representative regarding taxes.

Janet Klasinski announced the election audit will be held on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 4, 2024 as presented.***

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

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*November 13, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 13, 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; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

***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 there are 421 provisionals that she feels are qualified.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the provisionals as recommended by the County Clerk.***

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

Ms. Klasinski continued to report on the election results and write in candidates.

***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.***

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

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

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

Aaron Yoakam requested authorization to sign tax credit applications for renovations to the Courthouse.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to authorize the Buildings and Grounds director to sign tax credit documents for the Courthouse.***

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

Bob Weber presented Board Order 2024-9, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for buildings destroyed by fire.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Board Order 2024-9, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for buildings on 17953 157<sup>th</sup> St. Basehor, Kansas, substantially destroyed by fire.***

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

Bill Noll presented a proposal from Olsson and Associates for on call engineering services.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the proposal and authorize Public Works to enter into a 3-year contract with Olsson and Associates for on-call county engineering services with an option for a 2-year extension.*

*Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Doug Smith voting nay.*

Mr. Noll requested approval of a change order for bridge project HP-29.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve a change order for base stabilization for bridge project HP-29.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Mark Loughry presented amendments to the sick leave, sick leave buyback and shared leave policies.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the amendment as presented to the sick leave, sick leave buyback and shared leave policies effective January 1, 2025.*

*Motion failed, 4-1, Commissioners Kaaz, Mike Smith, Culbertson and Doug Smith voting nay.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the amendments as presented to the sick leave with the sick leave being max out at 1250 hours.*

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

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to table for two weeks.*

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

*A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben the amendments to the sick leave policy with amount being raised to 1250 hours.*

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

*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 said she mistakenly reported 421 provisional ballots qualified but indicated the number was actually 416 ballots that were counted but they made no change to the results of the election.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to certify the 2024 general 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.*

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the County and confidential matters related to potential 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 the Board resume open meeting at 11:25 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 session at 11:25 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

The Commissioners participated in the Veteran's Day Parade.

Commissioner Kaaz will be attending a finance meeting for the Transit Authority.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*November 20, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 20, 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 Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Nester, Kathleen Williams and Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry inquired about moving next week's meeting to Tuesday due to Thanksgiving.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to move next week's meeting to Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.***

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

Commissioner Stieben inquired if a work session will be scheduled to discuss outside agency funding.

Commissioner Stieben read results from a survey that he conducted about property taxes.

Commissioner Culbertson spoke about the LAVTR informational letter that was mailed out in the tax statements.

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

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

Mr. Loughry gave a brief background of Fire District #1.

Discussion took place between staff, Fire Board members and the Commission.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to direct staff to arrange fire protection for Fire District #1.***

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

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Port Authority meeting. She will attend the Transit Authority meeting via Zoom and a NEK-CAP meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson will meet with Fort Leavenworth about ambulance services.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Northeast Kansas Official meeting.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*November 26, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Culbertson is absent; 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; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to appoint Vicky Kaaz as temporary chair.***

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cody Herbster and Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reminded everyone that two commissioners will be at a conference next week for the meeting.

Commissioner Stieben read from an article from a local legislator regarding property taxes.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to accept the consent agenda for Tuesday, November 26, 2024 as presented.***

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

Amy Allison presented case DEV-24-133 a replat request for Thomas Farms.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Case Number DEV-24-133 is compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted by this Board subject to the conditions set forth by staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission with all the exceptions.***

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

Commissioners Mike Smith and Stieben will attend the 2024 Kansas Association of Counties conference next week.

Commissioner Doug Smith commented on the Extension Office budget.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the progress of the Humane Society going forward.

Mr. Loughry stated he has spoke with the Sheriff and he has plans in place to continue on with the operations.

Commissioner Kaaz will participate in the Workforce Partnership meeting via Zoom this morning.

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

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

The Board adjourned at 9:38 a.m.