

\*\*\*\*\*January 8, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Chuck Magaha, Emergency Management; Commissioner-Elect Willie Dove; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Chuck Magaha presented a resolution to declare a local disaster in Leavenworth County due to the winter storm.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2025-1 and proclamation for state of local disaster emergency in Leavenworth County beginning January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.***

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

Commissioner Mike Smith reminded everyone the LCDC Annual Meeting will be held January 17 and the swearing in ceremony on January 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.

Commissioner Stieben read a bio for President Jimmy Carter.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 8, 2025 as presented.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to appoint Jason Fox as the Tonganoxie Township clerk.***

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

Commissioner Kaaz will be attending the KCATA meeting next week.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*January 15, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Kaaz is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Culbertson requested a letter to be drafted opposing the downgrade to the Munson Hospital at Fort Leavenworth.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 15, 2025 as presented minus the last 3 items.***

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

Commissioner Culbertson presented Commissioners Kaaz and Doug Smith with a Leavenworth County challenge coin commenting on their achievements.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that this Board adjourn as regular Commission meeting and resume as Sine Die.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that Mike Smith be appointed as temporary chairperson.***

***Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Reid voting nay.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to reconvene.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to appoint Mike Smith as our chairman.***

***Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Reid voting nay.***

Commissioner Mike Smith requested the committee appointments be placed on the agenda for next week.

Commissioner Mike Smith requested public comment be placed on the agenda for next week.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to set our regular meeting days on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that the official newspaper of the County be the Leavenworth Times.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2025-2, designating Commerce Bank as the depository for the County.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-3, establishing a municipal investment pool and authorizing individuals listed to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Resolution 2025-4, setting the elected official's salaries as stated.***

***Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Stieben voting nay.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-5, waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120 a(a) as they apply to the County of Leavenworth for the year ended 2024.***

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

Commissioner Stieben inquired about a cease-and-desist letter sent to High Prairie Township regarding the Fire District.

Commissioner Stieben will provide a draft letter to the Board next week regarding salaries in the fire districts.

Commissioner Stieben mentioned the Rose Dinner will be held in Tonganoxie on Wednesday, January 22.

Commissioner Mike Smith will be attending the LCDRC Annual meeting on January 17 and mentioned Local Government Day will be held January 22 in Topeka.

Commissioners Culbertson and Stieben will be testifying in Topeka tomorrow regarding the Constitutional Amendment that would cap property taxes.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*January 22, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Stieben acknowledged the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

Commissioner Stieben updated the Board regarding the property tax cap bill.

Commissioner Stieben requested the clerk to notify the Board when a township position becomes vacant.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 as presented.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Commissioner Stieben to the Workforce Partnership.*

*Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Stieben abstained.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner to nominate Mike Smith on the Port Authority Board to represent the County.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to nominate Vanessa Reid to the LCDC Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Willie Dove to the Mental Health Advisory Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to put Mike Stieben on the MARC Board of Directors.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to put Commissioner Dove as the alternate on the MARC Board of Directors.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner Dove as a NEK-CAP representative for Leavenworth County.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Mike Smith to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Reid to appoint Commissioner Stieben to the Adult Corrections Advisory Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith that Commissioner Reid take the Government Affairs committee position.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to remove Vicky Kaaz from the current seat on the KCATA.*

*Motion passed; 4-0 Commissioner Culbertson abstained.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Mike Stieben to the KCATA to represent Leavenworth County.*

*Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.*

Commissioner Stieben stated he would like to withdraw from the Workforce Partnership board.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner Reid to the Workforce Partnership Board.*

*Motion passed, 4-0. Commissioner Reid abstained.*

A draft letter was presented for approval requesting salary information for township fire chiefs.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the letter that counsel has drafted and be sent out.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Draft letters were presented for approval regarding the changes to the services provided by Munson Hospital.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve sending out a letter to Senators Moran and Marshall.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Bill Noll presented the annual agreement to treat noxious weeds.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the annual agreement to treat noxious weeds.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Mr. Noll presented a supplemental agreement for the Tonganoxie Road HRRR project.

*A motion as was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the KDOT supplemental agreement for the second phase of the Tonganoxie Road High Risk Rural Roads project.*

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

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Grounds.

The public comment policy was presented for any changes.

It was the consensus of the Board to change it to 5 minutes at the beginning with a 25-minute limit. Public comment at the end of the meeting will remain with a 5 minute per person change.

The Board discussed quarterly meetings in different locations.

It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the cities quarterly.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith 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 the Board resume open meeting at 10:35 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Mike Smith, Willie Dove and Mike Stieben, County Counselor Misty Brown, County Administrator Mark Loughry and others that may be called.***

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

The Board returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

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***Motion passed, 3-0.***

The Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken and the subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Reid acknowledged a letter from Sallie Melton regarding the Sheriff's Department Citizen's Academy.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if the Board wants to update letters to representative for the property tax cap and the non-sanctuary county resolution.

Commissioner Dove inquired about the material used on chip-seal roads.

Commissioners Reid and Smith attended the annual LCDC meeting.

Commissioners Reid and Dove will participate in Government Day.

Commissioner Reid mentioned that in her on board training she came across gender focused training which she indicated was quickly addressed with staff.

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

The Board adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*January 29, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Reid is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioners Culbertson, Stieben and Dove will be attending the NACO Conference in March.

Commissioner Smith reported the staff from the Mid America Regional Council will be updating the Board next month for the new Commissioners.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 29, 2025 as presented.***

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

Commissioner Smith read a proclamation proclaiming Leavenworth County as a non-sanctuary county.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adopt the proclamation of non-sanctuary county.***

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

Commissioner Culbertson clarified the County is not in negotiations with CoreCivic to open an ICE facility.

Mark Loughry presented an updated public comment policy.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adopt the updated public comment policy.***

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

Bob Weber requested a contract from Eagleview for arial photos for the Appraisers office.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the oblique imagery with Eagleview and contract to be funded by the ROD tech fund for \$55,998.00 per year for six years with a contract that has a termination for convenience clause.***

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

Treanor presented options to the Board regarding the second phase of stonework for repairs to the Courthouse.

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



Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

Jamie Miller presented the quarterly report for the EMS and Health Departments.

Commissioners Culbertson and Stieben participated in the MARC meeting.

Commissioner Stieben read from a property tax cap bill.

Commissioner Smith met with Senator Jeff Klemp and Lansing City Administrator Tim Vandal

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn.  
Motion passed, 4-0.***

The Board adjourned at 10:42 a.m.