

*****July 2, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Jon Khalil, Deputy County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Cromer commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith expressed his disappointment in the Board's attendance at the joint meeting with the city of Lansing.

Commissioner Stieben requested a discussion on a proposed policy on parental involvement and compliance with Title X regulations pertaining to abortion center referrals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 2, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a bid from Reece Construction for the replacement of bridges SH-54 and SH-61.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the bid by Reece Construction Company, Inc. and issue the notice of award for the replacement of bridges SH-54 and SH-61 in the amount of \$1,582,437.21.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison reported the application for Flat Land Disposal, LLC has been withdrawn.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2025-21, a rezoning request from RR-5 to RR-1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to find that the rezoning request complies with the Golden Factors and move to adopt Resolution 2025-21 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-25-057 based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the findings as set forth in the staff report.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry reminded the Board that budget hearings will begin next Wednesday afternoon and continue to into Thursday.

A brief discussion took place regarding the budget.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Final Approved

*****July 9, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janette Labbee-Holdeman and Chase Spears commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben requested the parental notification policy regarding Title X be pushed to July 30th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 9, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry presented Resolution 2025-22, exceeding revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2025-22, intent to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Funds for tax year 2025.

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

Mr. Loughry presented Resolution 2025-23, exceeding revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County-Special Other Funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Resolution 2025-23, intent to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Special Other Funds for tax year 2025.

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

Stevie Durkin presented the budget for The Guidance Center.

Kelly Meyer presented the budget for CASA.

Greg Kaaz gave a presentation on the Leavenworth Port Authority Education Campaign.

Lissa Haack presented the budget for the Leavenworth County Port Authority.

The Board recessed at 11:05 a.m. and resumed at 11:13 a.m.

Bill Noll presented the budget for Public Works

The Board recessed at 11:34 a.m. and will resume at 12:45 p.m.

The Board resumed at 12:45 p.m.

Larry Malbrough presented the budget for Information Systems.

TerriLois Mashburn presented the budget for the Register of Deeds.

Caleb Gordon presented the budget for the Treasurer's Office.

Jaime Miller presented the budget for EMS and the Health Department.

John Jacobson presented the budget for Planning and Zoning.

Jamie VanHouten presented the budget for Community Corrections.

Aaron Yoakam presented the budget for Buildings and Grounds and Sewer Districts.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes at 2:00 p.m.

The Board resumed at 2:13 p.m.

Fran Keppler presented the budget for the County Clerk's Office and Elections.

Misty Brown presented the budget for the County Counselor and the Coroner.

Connie Harmon presented the budget for Council on Aging.

Tammy Saldivar presented the budget for Solid Waste.

Commissioner Reid requested the proclamation that was handed out earlier be placed on the agenda for consideration.

Monica Swigart presented the budget for Human Resources.

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

Motion passed, 3-0.

The Board adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

*****July 10, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met to discuss department budgets on Wednesday, July 10, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator

The Board met with Departments to discuss budgets.

Andy Dedeke presented the budget for the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Department.

Steve Crossland presented the budget for District Court.

The Board recessed at 9:38 a.m. for 3 minutes.

Todd Thompson presented the budget for County Attorney's Office.

Bob Weber presented the budget for the Appraiser's Office.

Mark Loughry presented the budget for the Commission to include Courthouse General and Administration.

The Board discussed different options in reducing the budget.

The Board adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

*****July 16, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Jon Khalil, Deputy County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Logan Pinedo, Amy Cawvey, Joe Herring and Chase Spears commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben requested a letter of support for Happy Hearts added to the agenda next week.

Commissioner Dove attended the NACO conference in Philadelphia.

The Board reviewed a Traditional Family Values Month proclamation and will consider changes next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 16, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll presented Resolution 2025-24 for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-24, placing three-way stop signs at the intersection of 183rd St. and Leavenworth Road.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested acceptance of a proposal by MRJ Engineering for the design of bridges A-7 and HP-51.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith accept the proposal by MRJ Engineering for the bid documents, permitting and design of bridges A-7 and HP-51.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Culbertson voting nay.

Mr. Noll presented a contract with Reece Construction for the construction of bridges HP-54 and SH-61.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the contract with Reece Construction for the construction of bridges HP-54 and SH-61.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Board Order 2025-7, vacating a section of right-of-way near Gilman Road.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Board Order 2025-7, vacating a 10 foot by 300-foot section of right-of-way near Gilman Road.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Culbertson voting nay.

Board Order 2025-8, vacating a section of right-of-way along Hollingsworth Road, Tract A.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Board Order 2025-8, vacating a 10 foot by 300-foot section of right-of-way near Hollingsworth Road, Tract A.

Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Culbertson voting nay.

Board Order 2025-9, vacating a section of right-of-way along Hollingsworth Road, Tract B.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Board Order 2025-9, vacating a 10 foot by 300-foot section of right-of-way near Hollingsworth Road, Tract B.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Culbertson voting nay.

The Board requested changes to the public comment policy and be brought back next week.

The Board discussed the budget.

Commissioner Stieben updated the Board on current KCATA issues.

Commissioner Smith attended the LCPA meeting and reminded everyone of the joint meeting with the city of Basehor next week.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

*****July 23, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Stieben is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; TerriLois Mashburn, Register of Deeds

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rebecca Mahan, April Cromer, Paul Cromer, Janie Stockman, Trena Gilfert, John Redden and Kirsten Workman commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson is sending out a petition to his constituents about closing a bridge to pave more roads in his district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 23, 2025 as presented.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mark Loughry presented a rate increase for municipal solid waste and c&d.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adopt a minimum rate increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for MSW and a minimum rate increase from \$13.00 to \$20.00 for C&D.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a rate increase of \$2.00 per ton gate rate increase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt the rate increase of \$2.00 per ton gate rate increase effective September 1, 2025.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an amendment to the family health plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the rate card amending the health plan family rates for the 2025/2026 plan as presented.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Bill Noll presented a list of surplus equipment to sell on PurpleWave.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to place equipment on the surplus list to sell on PurpleWave as presented.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Noll presented a contract with Ebert Construction for the 235th St. project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the contract with Ebert Construction for the 235th St. project in the amount of \$4,301,411.96 with a 7.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an update to the public comment policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the updated public comment policy.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Misty Brown presented Board Order 2025-10, authorizing the County Counselor to secure opioid related funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Board Order 2025-10, authorizing the County Counselor to take action to secure the County's share of opioid related funds to support opioid abasement in the County.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board discussed changes to the traditional family values month proclamation.

Commissioner Dove indicated he would like adopted children recognized in the proclamation.

TerriLois Mashburn presented changes to the Register of Deeds budget.

The Board directed staff to include \$5,000.00 to Sparrow Clinic in the budget.

Connie Harmon presented waiting list options for Meals on Wheels.

The Board discussed holding a joint economic development work session with the all-governing entities on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Tonganoxie 464 Board of Education meeting room.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to allow the Commission to discuss personnel matters related to specific non-elected employees in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals discussed as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that Board resume open meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry, and County Counselor Misty Brown.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to matters related to specific non-elected personnel.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Final Approved

*****July 30, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Amy Allison, Deputy Planning and Zoning Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

April Cromer, Paul Cromer, Barbara Williams, Dani Redmon, Betty Klinedeist; Jay Lickey, Trena Gilford, Jason Redmon, Richard Paz, William Page, John Redden, Janie Stockman and Caleb Gordon commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to move to approve the proclamation.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

Commissioner Smith read the Traditional Family Values Month Proclamation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 30, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-25, a rezone request from RR-5 to RR-2.5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson move to adopt Resolution 2025-25 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-25-070 based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the findings as set forth in the staff report.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2025-26, a request for a special use permit for boat and RV storage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith approve with a condition of an extra condition requiring reporting of the equipment stored on premises on January 1 every year.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Case DEV-25-069 based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and findings set forth in the staff report as amended by the Commission as substantiated by the facts, testimony and evidence presented by the public hearing. Therefore, I move to adopt Resolution 2025-26 and approve the special use permit outlined in Case DEV-25-069 and that be approved.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Case DEV-25-063 and final plat for Sarll's 3rd Addition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-063 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 in the staff report and adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown presented a policy establishing a process for future right -of-way vacation requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to table for two weeks.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board discussed a policy regarding parental involvement and compliance with Title X regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to move for the adoption of the parental involvement policy in compliance with Title X regulations pertaining to abortion counseling and referral.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

The Board discussed the Riverbend RHID proposal with the developer, Joe Oakes.

The Board continued the discussion until August 13th.

Commissioner Stieben proposed to consider a Leavenworth Historical Arts and Civics Commission to oversee projects for historical societies.

It was the consensus of the Board not to pursue that at this time.

Mark Loughry presented the financial impact of unfilled positions.

Andy Dedeke spoke about the unfilled positions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to instruct the County Administrator to bring the Board Orders with the exception of any overtime provisions out of the reductions from the Sheriff's Office.

Motion failed 3-2 Commissioners Stieben and Reid voting aye.

The Board will hold an Economic Development Summit on August 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tonganoxie Board of Education Building.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Final Approved