

\*\*\*\*\*September 3, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; TerriLois Mashburn, Register of Deeds; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Johnson, Sarah George, John Redden and Betty Klinedeist commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Smith read a Suicide Prevention proclamation for the month of September.

Mark Loughry gave a brief overview of what the County does for mental health services.

Commissioner Stieben briefly spoke about property tax relief.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 3, 2025 as presented.***

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

TerriLois Mashburn requested a transfer of funds from tech fund to the BOCC equipment fund.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Board Order 2025-11, transferring funds from the Register of Deeds tech fund to the BOCC equipment fund in the amount of \$92,000.00.***

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

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-25-074, a rezoning request from RR-5 to RR-2.5.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner to approve the rezoning request DEV-25-074 and that it complies with the Golden Factors and move for adoption of Resolution 2025-30 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-25-074 based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the findings as set forth in the staff report.***

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

Jeremy Greenamyre presented the Fairlane Townhomes RHID.

Tim Vandell, Lansing City Administrator, spoke.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Reid that the proposed reinvestment housing incentive district does not have an adverse effect on Leavenworth County and move to allow the creation of the Fairlane Townhomes Phase II as proposed.***

The Board recessed for 5 minutes.

***Motion failed, 3-2 Commissioners Dove,  
Culbertson and Stieben voting nay.***

Lauren Kaapcke provided a presentation for Wolf Creek Battery project.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that the proposed reinvestment housing incentive district has an adverse effect on Leavenworth County and move to adopt Resolution 2025-31 to nullify the creation of the RHID.***

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

Commissioner Reid requested the Board bring forth ideas for abatement free development.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to redirect our economic development funds for fiscal year 25 and 26 and that we send a letter to the Port Authority requesting \$500,000.00 of the \$750,000.00 reserve balance to be put into a fund held by the County for the development of an industrial park in Leavenworth County and we have a work session to determine how that process will proceed.***

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

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*September 10, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kirsten Workman commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith read a proclamation recognizing Patriot Day.

Bob Weber spoke about the mid- year ratio study from the state.

Commissioner Stieben summarized what the Board has accomplished.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 10, 2025 as presented.***

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

Roman Haehn, Dagan Haehn and David Waters presented the Monroe Manor RHID.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that we have county staff study the legal requirements and ramifications of the county having a development agreement that would exempt the county portion on RHID's.***

***Motion failed, 3-2, Commissioners Dove, Reid and Smith voting nay.***

Tony McNeil, mayor of the city of Lansing spoke.

Jamie Miller spoke about the Title X funding loss and requested how to proceed forward.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct legal staff to file an administrative appeal with the state for the funding.

Mark Loughry questioned if the Board supports to continue offering those services until the end of the year with the funding coming from the general fund.

It was the consensus of the Board to fund the services until the end of the year and revisit the issue in December for funds in 2026.

A citizen commented about mowing of culverts.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to recess for a closed executive meeting to allow the Commission to discuss the annual***

***evaluation of the County Administrator which is a personnel matter related to specific non-elected employees or to protect the privacy interests of the individuals discussed as per Kansas Open Meetings Act and that the Board resume open meeting at 11:35 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Smith, Culbertson, Reid, Dove, Stieben and staff as needed by the Commission to be present to participate in the discussion.***

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

The Board returned to regular session at 11:35 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to matters related to non-specific personnel.

The Board discussed the stabbing of a young female in Charlotte on a bus and what the KCATA are doing to take steps toward public transportation safety.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*September 17, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Stieben is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jessica Shockey-Donaldson and Tom Putthoff commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Smith spoke about funds to the Port Authority.

Fran Keppler updated the Board on voter registration.

Commissioner Dove visited with Farm Bureau and they will notify the Board when their meetings are held.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 17, 2025 as presented.***

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

Bill Noll requested approval of an agreement with KDOT for an Innovative Technologies Program grant for the purchase of a laser cleaning machine.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the agreement with KDOT for Innovative Technologies Program grant for project 52C-5380-01 for the purchase of a laser cleaning machine.***

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

Mr. Noll requested approval of the purchase of a roadside boom mower tractor.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the purchase of a roadside boom mower tractor from Heritage Tractor in the amount of \$210,154.00.***

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

Mr. Noll presented a revised 5-year capital improvement plan.

Commissioner Stieben ended his phone participation.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a revised 5-year capital improvement plan for road and bridge improvement projects.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to set aside the participatory dust abatement projects for 1 year.***

***Motion passed, 3-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.***

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract for the replacement of bridge T-50.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the design and construction engineering contract with Finney and Turnipseed for the replacement of bridge T-50 located on Stranger Road.***

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

Mr. Noll presented the IKE transportation program.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the projects presented.

Commissioner Reid spoke about voter turnout.

Commissioner Dove addressed the port-a-potty rental for the Veteran's Day Parade.

Mark Loughry indicated he has reached out to the committee to get a definite price amount.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*September 24, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Smith is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to appoint Commissioner Stieben as temporary chairman.***

***Motion passed, 3-0, Commissioner Stieben abstained.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Dove spoke about Charlie Kirk.

Mark Loughry reported that the Veteran's Day Parade Committee now has an online donation tab.

Mr. Loughry updated the Board on a K-7 Corridor committee meeting.

Commissioner Stieben reported he gave a county challenge coin to J.W. Evans for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Commissioner Stieben indicated the County Road 30 project is starting early.

Fran Keppler updated the Board on the upcoming city school elections.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 24, 2025 as presented.***

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

Tammy Saldivar requested approval of a lease agreement for a skid steer.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept a 5-year lease agreement with VLP Equipment Share for a skid steer with an annual lease payment in the amount of \$8,873.25.***

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

Bob Weber requested approval of Board Order 2025-12, granting a disaster relief tax abatement.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Board Order 2025-12, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for tax ID's 1-31803, 1-29683, and 1-29089.***

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

Connie Harmon requested the chairperson to sign the Council on Aging's Second Amendment to the Older Americans Act Title III programs grant.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to authorize the chairperson to sign the Council on Aging's second amendment to the Older Americans Act Title III programs grant for FFY 25.***

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

Jamie VanHouten presented the year end reports for Adult and Juvenile Community Corrections.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the FY25 Community Corrections Year-End Outcome Reports for FY25 Adult Comp Plan.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the FY25 Community Corrections Year-End Outcome Reports for FY25 Juvenile Comp Plan.***

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

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-25-086 a final plat for Maple Meadows.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-086 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 as adopted by the Planning Commission.***

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

Commissioner Reid commented about the hours of the County Clerk's office.

Commissioner Reid would like to discuss the Port Authority funding at a future meeting and representation on their Boards.

Commissioner Culbertson read a letter from LCDC in support of the Eastern Gateway Bridge.

Commissioners Stieben and Dove attended the MARC meeting.

Caleb Christopher commented.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.