

*****December 3, 2025*****

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reported he will be going out for bid for new banking services.

Mr. Loughry mentioned the schedule for the week of Christmas.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold the meeting on Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

Mr. Loughry reported that budget amendments will be on the agenda for December 23, 2025.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about progress of implementing guest tax.

Misty Brown indicated have looked into and the Board directed staff to place it on the agenda in January.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about a consolidated animal cruelty ordinance.

Ms. Brown indicated staff has been working on it and the Board directed staff to place it on the agenda in January.

Commissioner Dove mentioned items that will be voted on at the Kansas Association of Counties conference next week

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Fran Keppler requested approval of a proposal from Varney and Associates for auditing services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept the proposal from Varney and Associates for auditing services for the years ended December 31, 2025-2027.

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

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-25-103, a final plat for Nehl Acres.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-103 is compliant with the County Zoning & 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, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Case DEV-25-118, a final plat for Aye Acres.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-118 is compliant with the County Zoning & 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, 5-0.

Commissioners Smith and Dove attended the Lansing Christmas Tree Lighting.

Commissioner Smith attended the VFW annual dinner.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

*****December 10, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Reid, and Commissioner Stieben 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 Director, Kyle Anderson, Planning and Zoning Code Enforcement Officer

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Commissioner Stieben temporary chairman for today's meeting.

Motion passed, 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Blackmer gave public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reminded the Commission that he sent the Legislative Breakfast topics and that he is sending an RFP out for Banking Services.

Commissioner Reid thanked Leavenworth City Council for the services they have provided and welcomed the new members that were sworn in. Commissioner Reid also updated the Board on the updates to the Leavenworth School District.

Commissioner Stieben also congratulated all the newly elected officials. Commissioner Stieben also met with a Council Member from the City of Desota and discussed potential upcoming projects and potentially having the Board draft a letter of concern to the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Motion passed, 3-0.

Amy Allison presented Board Order 2025-14, vacating a portion of Fall Leaf Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve Board Order 2025-15.

Motion passed, 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to adjourn as the County Commission and reconvene into the Board of Public Health.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Kyle Anderson presented Board Order 2025-15, finding the structure located at 20505 Tonganoxie Drive, Tonganoxie, KS 66086 is unfit for human habitation.

Jon Khalil read Board Order 2025-15 into the official record.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about possible outcomes going forward.

Misty Brown explained the possible steps to bring it back into compliance.

Commissioner Stieben asked for public comment.

Sierra Jost made comment on the conditions of the home.

Gary Blackmer made comment about the care of the animals that were at the house and clarification was given.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Ried to find that the residence at 20505 Tonganoxie Drive, Tonganoxie, KS 66086 is unfit for human habitation and move to adopt Board Order 2025-15.
Motion passed, 3-0***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to adjourn as the Board of Public Health and reconvene into the Board of County Commissioners.
Motion passed, 3-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Ried to adjourn.
Motion passed, 3-0.***

The Board adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

*****December 17, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Reid, and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cecilia Pruitt, Jeremy Greenamyler, Gary Blackmer, Jerry Pruitt and Keith Longhofer commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Bill Noll informed the Board this year's snow removal plans and winter road maintenance.

Commissioner Smith reminded the Board to review the work session letter for voter enhancement.

Commissioner Stieben addressed the process issue with the powerplant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 17, 2025, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Brian Habjan, Chairman of LCDC Board, presented information on a powerplant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to decline to express a letter of interest to locate a nuclear reactor in Leavenworth County.

Motion failed, 1-3, Commissioners Smith, Dove and Reid voting nay and Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve a letter of interest for a powerplant to LCDC.

Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioners Stieben and Culbertson voting nay.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

Commissioner Stieben inquired of counsel if there is a mechanism to place the powerplant issue on an advisory election.

Misty Brown reported that the statute does allow for an advisory election but indicated it is a non-binding election.

Commissioner Stieben indicated that is information he would like to have.

Jamie VanHouten requested appointment to the JCAB Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the request to select an education appointment to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and it is Shawn Derritt

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. VanHouten requested approve to expend funds from the opioid settlement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the request for Community Corrections to utilize Opiate Settlement Funding to maintain Cognitive Program Facilitator established in 2023 through the use of these funds and utilize a portion of funds to meet matching requirements for the JMHCP BJA grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben will be attending the KCATA meeting.

Commissioners Smith and Dove attending the NACO conference in Wichita.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

*****December 23, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Reid is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Aaron Yoakam, Building and Grounds Director; Stacy Driscoll, County Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry presented unfilled positions within the County and inquired if the Board wishes to take those funds out of their budgets.

It was the consensus of the Board to not bring this back this year.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about advisory elections.

Misty Brown reported advisory elections are possible but not favorable or binding.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about options on how to proceed on the TerraPower plant.

Mr. Loughry indicated the letter of interest was sent to the Department of Commerce and then whenever there is information to share, they will release it.

Commissioner Smith reminded everyone about the voter enhancement work session and to get in touch with the superintendents in their district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Tuesday, December 23, 2025, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

John Jacobson presented Case DEV-25-109, a final plat for Marxen North.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-109 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, 5-0.

Mr. Jacobson presented Case DEV-25-111, a final plat for Marxen South.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-111 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, 5-0.

Amendments to the 2025 budget.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

Mark Loughry presented the budget amendments to the 2025 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the amendments to the Leavenworth County budget for 2025.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll presented Board Order 2025-16, transferring funds from the local service fund to the equipment reserve fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-16, transferring funds from the local service fund to the equipment reserve fund in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Aaron Yoakam presented Board Order 2025-17, transferring funds from the special building, buildings and grounds fund to the capital improvement fund designated for Courthouse renovations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-17, transferring funds from the special building, buildings and grounds fund to the capital improvement fund designated for Courthouse renovations in the amount of \$880,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll presented Board Order 2025-18, transferring funds from the road and bridge fund to the capital road fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-18, transferring funds from the road and bridge fund to the capital road fund in the amount of \$1,700,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll presented Board Order 2025-19, transferring funds from the local service road and bridge fund to the capital road fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-19, transferring funds from the local service road and bridge fund to the capital road fund in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested acceptance of a bid from Norfolk Contracting for the replacement of bridge A-07.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept the bid from Norfolk Contracting for the replacement of bridge A-07 on Lecompton Road in the amount of \$226,469.00 with a 10% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested acceptance of a bid from SMH Engineering for the design of 235th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the design proposal from SMH Engineering for the 235th St. from 4-H Road to K-92 Highway in the amount of \$475,555.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval to approach KDOT regarding an agreement to relocate the Sherman Township salt dome and grader storage to their K-32 storage area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve to request KDOT to enter into an agreement to allow the County to relocate the Sherman Township salt dome and grader storage to their K-32 storage area.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to contract negotiations and legal interest of the County which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that Board resume open meeting at 10:15 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, County Counselor Misty Brown, and Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board has returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioners Culbertson and Dove spoke with a representative from NACO regarding PILOT checks.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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*****December 31, 2025 *****

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Colonel Sunday requested a 120-day extension on an agreement between Fort Leavenworth and Leavenworth County for EMS services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to extend the period for 120 days with the intention that this will be the final extension.

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

Bill Noll discussed the Safe Streets for All grant that Leavenworth County was awarded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 31, 2025, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Reilly presented the insurance premiums for the County's liability insurance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner to Culbertson to approve the renewal of the County's property, casualty and liability insurance as presented by Reilly.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to authorize the chairman to sign the Leavenworth County Extension Council budget for the 2026 budget year.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jon Khalil presented a consent for assignment with Hamm Companies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the consent assignment of Leavenworth County's Solid Waste contract with Hamm Companies to Allied Waste Systems, Inc.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-39, adopting the amendments to the 2006 Leavenworth County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to postpone for two weeks.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown presented communications to the legislative delegation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposed communications to the County's legislative delegation.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Final Approved