

*****January 7, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith inquired about the attendance for the LCDC annual meeting.

Commissioner Smith reminded everyone about the voter enhancement work session on January 21st.

Commissioner Stieben reported that a letter sent to TerraPower from a local legislator read the Leavenworth County Commission supports them indicating that is not correct.

Commissioner Stieben suggested to send a letter to the TerraPower and the legislator indicating that information is incorrect.

Commissioner Stieben announced his candidacy for local legislation.

Commissioner Reid commented on the letter to TerraPower indicating she feels a personal meeting would be more appropriate than a correction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 7, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a contract for the replacement of bridge A-07.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the construction contract with 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.

Cody Reynolds commented.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

*****January 14, 2026*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Fran Keppler, County Clerk; Stacey Driscoll, County Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Owens commented

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben testified on SCR1616, the assessment cap, at the Capital.

Commissioner Smith reminded everyone of the LCDC annual meeting this Friday.

Commissioner Reid attended the Governor's State of the State address.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to adjourn sine die.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint temporary chairperson Mike Stieben.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to convene as the new Board of County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner Stieben as chairperson for 2026.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to keep meeting days on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. on a regular basis.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the official newspaper as the Leavenworth Times.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2026-1, designating the bank depository for the County as Commerce Bank.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2026-2, establishing a Municipal Investment Pool and authorizing the 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 Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2026-3, waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120 a(a) as they apply to the County of Leavenworth for year ended 2025.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Smith indicated he would like to see the base salary for the Register of Deeds the same as the County Clerk and Treasurer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjust the Register of Deeds base salary to align with the County Clerk and Treasurer.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2026-4, setting the official's salaries as amended by our vote.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to renew the cereal malt beverage license for Lakestop LLC, located at 15621 158th St., Bonner Springs, KS.

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

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-39, amending the articles of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-39, amending the articles of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson provided examples of contracts for services with military installations.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

*****January 21, 2026*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioners Culbertson and Reid are absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Monica Swigart, Human Resources Director; David Martin, Information Systems Deputy Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Josh Maloy commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben read a statement regarding the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Motion passed, 3-0.

Misty Brown presented two resolutions for consideration for transient guest tax.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to table until next week.

Motion passed, 3-0.

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

Monica Swigart presented the quarterly report for Human Resources.

David Martin presented the quarterly report for Information Systems.

John Jacobson presented the quarterly report for Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Smith attended the LCDC annual meeting and the Port Authority meeting.

Commissioner Dove received a invite from NACO for Local Government Day.

Commissioner Stieben will be attending the KCATA meeting today.

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

Motion passed, 3-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

*****January 21, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioners Culbertson and Reid are absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator

Also present: Cynthia Forrester, Marty Kobza, Diana Thurlow, Ryan Bodensteiner, Jason Redmon, Cody Reynolds, Loren Feldenkamp, Chris Vignery

The Board met in a work session to discuss civics, specifically early voter enhancement.

The Board ended the work session at 11:47 a.m.

Final Approved

*****January 28, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson reported on the sales tax bill he testified on last Wednesday in Topeka.

Commissioner Smith mentioned the work session with the superintendents on voter enhancement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-25-141/142, a preliminary and final plat for Schitt's Creek.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to find that the final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-142 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.

Misty Brown presented two resolutions for establishing a transient guest tax.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Charter Resolution 2026-CR1, establishing a 6% transient guest tax to promote tourism and conventions in Leavenworth County.

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

Bill Noll requested approval of a contract for the bi-annual bridge inspections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the fee proposal and contract with Finney and Turnipseed for the 2026 bi-annual bridge inspections in the amount of \$73,700.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a lease proposal for dump trucks.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the proposal from Nextran Truck Center for the lease of four fully equipped dump trucks.
Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.***

Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Grounds.

Jamie Miller presented the quarterly reports for EMS and the Health Department.

Mr. Noll presented the quarterly report for Public Works.

Commissioner Dove will be traveling to Topeka to set on a board that are trying to find ways to educate individuals who are going to be in legislation on how county government works.

Commissioner Culbertson will be meeting with the Easton superintendent to discuss voter enhancement.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:58 a.m.