

*****January 10, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Culbertson are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: James Petrick, Louis Klemp, John Matthews

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kaaz announced there will be a meeting in Topeka regarding the LAVTR.

Commissioner Kaaz requested to move items F and G into the formal board action of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to move D,F and G into the formal board action.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to convene as the regular Board of County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to appoint Commissioner Culbertson as the new chairperson.

Motion passed, 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to leave the regular meeting days as Wednesdays.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to appoint The Leavenworth Times as the official newspaper.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Resolution 2024-5, designating the bank depository for Leavenworth County as Commerce Bank.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A resolution establishing the Municipal Investment Pool was presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Resolution 2024-6, establishing the 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.

The Board discussed mileage reimbursement for travel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to have the County Administrator tweak the travel policy to allow for travel to attend meetings in the county but not to use it to go back and forth to work or personal use.

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

A resolution setting the elected official's salaries was presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2024-7, setting the elected official's salaries.

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

The 2024 pay plan schedule was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the 2024 pay plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben requested the administrator to draft a policy based on Harvey County policy regarding an invocation before the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to change the moment of silence to a moment of silent prayer.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben requested to move all the public comment to the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to move all public comment to the beginning of the meeting.

Motion passed, 3-2 commissioners Doug Smith and Kaaz voting nay.

Connie Harmon requested the appointment of members to the Council on Aging Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to appoint Donna Kindle, Sharon Marsch, Donna Ramsey, Mateo Rosales and Charles Owen to the Council on Aging Advisory Board.

Motion passed, 5-0.

An agreement with Rural Water District #9 for a water main relocation was presented.

David Van Parys requested to table this matter until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to table the Tonganoxie Road Water Main relocation agreement until next Wednesday.

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

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

John Jacobson presented the quarterly report for Planning and Zoning.

Louis Klemp and James Petrick commented on non-agenda items.

Commissioner Culbertson attended a pipeline safety meeting. He will travel to Topeka tomorrow to testify for the LAVTR hearing.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Legislative Action Day in Topeka on January 24th

Commissioner Stieben will travel to Topeka tomorrow to testify for the LAVTR hearing. He will also be speaking at the Linwood Public Library at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow evening.

Commissioner Kaaz recognized a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Island Spice at 11:00 a.m. She indicated there is another event that evening being held at the Methodist Church.

Commissioner Mike Smith thanked Commissioner Kaaz for serving as chairperson. He reported the city of Lansing did write a letter of support for the LAVTR in which he has given to Commissioner Culbertson for testimony in Topeka.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:21 a.m.