

*****January 15, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Kaaz is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson requested a letter to be drafted opposing the downgrade to the Munson Hospital at Fort Leavenworth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 15, 2025 as presented minus the last 3 items.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioner Culbertson presented Commissioners Kaaz and Doug Smith with a Leavenworth County challenge coin commenting on their achievements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that this Board adjourn as regular Commission meeting and resume as Sine Die.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that Mike Smith be appointed as temporary chairperson.

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

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to appoint Mike Smith as our chairman.

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

Commissioner Mike Smith requested the committee appointments be placed on the agenda for next week.

Commissioner Mike Smith requested public comment be placed on the agenda for next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to set our regular meeting days on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that the official newspaper of the County be the Leavenworth Times.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2025-2, designating Commerce Bank as the depository for the County.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-3, establishing a municipal investment pool and authorizing 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 Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Resolution 2025-4, setting the elected official's salaries as stated.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Stieben voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-5, waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120 a(a) as they apply to the County of Leavenworth for the year ended 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about a cease-and-desist letter sent to High Prairie Township regarding the Fire District.

Commissioner Stieben will provide a draft letter to the Board next week regarding salaries in the fire districts.

Commissioner Stieben mentioned the Rose Dinner will be held in Tonganoxie on Wednesday, January 22.

Commissioner Mike Smith will be attending the LCDC Annual meeting on January 17 and mentioned Local Government Day will be held January 22 in Topeka.

Commissioners Culbertson and Stieben will be testifying in Topeka tomorrow regarding the Constitutional Amendment that would cap property taxes.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:32 a.m.