

\*\*\*\*\*January 20, 2021\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Kaaz, and Commissioner Culbertson are present; Mark Loughry, County Administrator is present by phone; Also present: David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director;

Residents: John Matthews

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A letter of support was presented for the Little Stranger Church for a grant application.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to sign a letter of support for Little Stranger Church grant application.  
Motion passed, 5-0.***

David Van Parys presented a Board Order to form a Board of Appeals in relation to building codes.

Commissioner Mike Smith suggested to have staff look into the zoning for Cushing Hospital.

Mark Loughry reported there is a two -year window before the zoning diverts back indicating he is working with staff to get it zoned appropriately.

Commissioner Mike Smith expressed his thoughts on working with the cities on retail and commercial development to keep tax dollars in Leavenworth County.

It was the consensus on the Board to schedule a work session to discuss economic development.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 as presented.  
Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Van Parys requested to placed the Board Order for building codes on the agenda for next week and grant a moratorium on the enforcement until the end of February.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to delay to implementation of building codes until March 1, 2021.  
Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Culbertson abstained.***

Bill Noll requested approval of a contract extension with Transystems for the Eastern Gateway Concept Study to provide information to Arup.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the extension of the Transystems contract for the Eastern Gateway Bridge concept study of \$61,540.00.  
Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Noll requested approval of an agreement with KDOT for the spraying of noxious weeds in the state highway right-of-way.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the annual County agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation to treat noxious weeds on state highway right-of ways in Leavenworth County.***

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

Mr. Noll presented the 2021 Leavenworth County Noxious Weed program and submit the approved plan to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve and sign the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report 2021 for submittal to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.***

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

Mr. Noll requested approval and signature on the 2021 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for submittal to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve and sign the 2021 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the 2021 Leavenworth County Noxious Weed Program.***

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

Commissioner Smith received a complaint about a driveway located on the newly chip and sealed 178<sup>th</sup> Street indicating the concern is the driveway is too steep.

Mr. Loughry indicated he felt the County should work with the property owner to amend the issue with the driveway.

Commissioner Stieben requested the health officer give an update on the vaccinations.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting last Wednesday and will participate in the upcoming Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board meeting and MARC meetings.

Commissioner Culbertson met with the city of Easton and worked on the drone footage for the Eastern Gateway Bridge project.

Commissioner Kaaz participated in the Adult Advisory board meeting, represented the County in the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration activities, participated in the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and will attend the Workforce Partnership meeting next week via Zoom.

Commissioner Stieben will be speaking about County business at the Elephant Club in Tonganoxie Thursday night. Commissioner Stieben acknowledged the work of the Cornerstone Church in providing new backpacks, blankets, hats and gloves for the homeless.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported Kansas For Life will hold a candlelight vigil Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess from open session and go into a closed executive session for a preliminary discussion on the acquisition of real property as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) and that this Board resume open session in this meeting room at 10:35 a.m. Present in the executive session will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Doug Smith, Mike Smith and Mike Stieben. Present also will be County Administrator Mark Loughry by phone and Senior County Counselor David Van Parys.***

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

The Board returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made.

Commissioner Kaaz requested the non-elected personnel executive session be placed on the agenda for next week so the County Administrator can be present in person.

Commissioner Stieben reiterated his request to have the health officer present at the next meeting to answer questions about vaccines.

Mr. Loughry will reach out to the health officer and state representatives to inquire about their availability.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:49 a.m.