

\*\*\*\*\*January 22, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben acknowledged the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

Commissioner Stieben updated the Board regarding the property tax cap bill.

Commissioner Stieben requested the clerk to notify the Board when a township position becomes vacant.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 as presented.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Commissioner Stieben to the Workforce Partnership.*

*Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Stieben abstained.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner to nominate Mike Smith on the Port Authority Board to represent the County.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to nominate Vanessa Reid to the LCDC Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Willie Dove to the Mental Health Advisory Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to put Mike Stieben on the MARC Board of Directors.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to put Commissioner Dove as the alternate on the MARC Board of Directors.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner Dove as a NEK-CAP representative for Leavenworth County.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Mike Smith to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Reid to appoint Commissioner Stieben to the Adult Corrections Advisory Board.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith that Commissioner Reid take the Government Affairs committee position.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to remove Vicky Kaaz from the current seat on the KCATA.*

*Motion passed; 4-0 Commissioner Culbertson abstained.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Mike Stieben to the KCATA to represent Leavenworth County.*

*Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.*

Commissioner Stieben stated he would like to withdraw from the Workforce Partnership board.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner Reid to the Workforce Partnership Board.*

*Motion passed, 4-0. Commissioner Reid abstained.*

A draft letter was presented for approval requesting salary information for township fire chiefs.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the letter that counsel has drafted and be sent out.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Draft letters were presented for approval regarding the changes to the services provided by Munson Hospital.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve sending out a letter to Senators Moran and Marshall.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Bill Noll presented the annual agreement to treat noxious weeds.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the annual agreement to treat noxious weeds.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Mr. Noll presented a supplemental agreement for the Tonganoxie Road HRRR project.

*A motion as was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the KDOT supplemental agreement for the second phase of the Tonganoxie Road High Risk Rural Roads project.*

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

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Grounds.

The public comment policy was presented for any changes.

It was the consensus of the Board to change it to 5 minutes at the beginning with a 25-minute limit. Public comment at the end of the meeting will remain with a 5 minute per person change.

The Board discussed quarterly meetings in different locations.

It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the cities quarterly.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the County and confidential matters related to pending litigation as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with legal counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that the Board resume open meeting at 10:35 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Mike Smith, Willie Dove and Mike Stieben, County Counselor Misty Brown, County Administrator Mark Loughry and others that may be called.***

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

The Board returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

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***Motion passed, 3-0.***

The Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken and the subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Reid acknowledged a letter from Sallie Melton regarding the Sheriff's Department Citizen's Academy.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if the Board wants to update letters to representative for the property tax cap and the non-sanctuary county resolution.

Commissioner Dove inquired about the material used on chip-seal roads.

Commissioners Reid and Smith attended the annual LCDC meeting.

Commissioners Reid and Dove will participate in Government Day.

Commissioner Reid mentioned that in her on board training she came across gender focused training which she indicated was quickly addressed with staff.

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

The Board adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Final Approved