

*****January 31, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Larry Malbrough, Information Systems Director; Jamie Miller; EMS/Health Department Director; William Warnes, Executive Director of the Guidance Center; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Louis Klemp Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben reported Congressman LaTurner is concerned about a Chinese communist party is behind a company coming into Desoto.

Commissioner Doug Smith indicated an application was received for the Judicial Nominating Commission and requested to place that on the agenda.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if a boat count was done for boats that are stored in Leavenworth County in storage facilities.

Commissioner Doug Smith mentioned the infrastructure bill that President Biden has approved and if the 235th Street project would fall within that bill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Mark Loughry presented an agreement with The Guidance Center for community mental health services.

William Warnes, Executive Director, updated the Board on changes within the Guidance Center and the services that are provided.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the agreement with the Guidance Center to provide community mental health services.

Commissioner Mike Smith requested the Riverside Resources budget be placed on the agenda.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2024-8, a rezoning from RR-5 and I-2 to B-3 and I-2 located at 33698 Amelia Earhart Rd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to adopt Resolution 2024-8 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-23-147 based on the findings on

the Golden Factors, as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the findings of fact as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 4-0.

David Van Parys presented a proposed annexation request from the city of Tonganoxie.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to approve the Tonganoxie annexation resolution through the making of the finding that the proposed annexation does not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area.

Motion dies for lack of second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith that the proposed annexation as submitted to the Board does hinder the proper growth and development of the area proposed to be annexed.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Larry Malbrough presented the quarterly report for the Information Systems Department.

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

Commissioner Mike Smith indicated he gave the wrong date last week for the retirement of Scarlet Ross. The correct date is February 9th from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Council on Aging.

Commissioner Doug Smith visited Topeka last week for Local Government Day and the Fairmount Township meeting. He also attended a candlelight vigil and a JCAB meeting.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:09 a.m.