*******October 16, 2024 *******

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kaaz mentioned an appointment will be needed to fill a vacancy on the Port Authority Board.

A work session will be scheduled to discuss economic development.

Commissioner Stieben spoke about grants that have been awarded to Public Works.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 16, 2024 as presented. Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of the 2025 dust control request form.

Staff will bring the dust control request form back with other options.

Tammy Saldivar presented the quarterly report for Solid Waste/Transfer Station.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Grounds.

Jamie VanHouten presented the quarterly report for Community Corrections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that this 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 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, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys and Deputy County Counselor Misty Brown. Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m. No decisions were made and the subject was limited to the preliminary acquisition of real property.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Port Authority meeting and the KCATA Finance Committee meeting.

Commissioners Mike Smith and Stieben attended the Economic Outlook Conference in Wichita. Commissioner Mike Smith reminded everyone that Lansing will hold their Fall Festival this weekend. Commissioner Culbertson will speak about taxes at a Chamber meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Fairmount Township open house.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:39 a.m.