

*****October 26, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Nancy Carpenter, John Matthews, Mike McDonald, Wes Baker, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mike Smith reported LCDC is having their VIP event on November 4th indicating he will be attending.

Commissioner Mike Smith inquired about the Veteran's Day parade. The Board decided they will be riding in the parade.

Commissioner Kaaz requested to pull the letter of support for US Bicycle Route 55 from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 26, 2022 as presented minus item G.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Kaaz expressed concerns on the bicycle route 55 with regards to the conditions of the roads on the route.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to reach out to the group to possibly select a different route.

Jamie Miller requested approval of the purchase of radio equipment for the Health Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the purchase of the replacement radio equipment for the Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of pending litigation involving the legal interests of the County as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel for the Board which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that Board resume open session at 9:50 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Mike Stieben, Senior County Counselor, David Van Parys and County Administrator, Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to put the issue of the Kaw Valley SUP and all issues related there-to on the agenda for November 30th.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Nancy Carpenter commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Culbertson attended the Chamber of Commerce forum.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the MARC meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Culbertson attended the Kansas Association of Counties conference last week. Commissioner Kaaz also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting. She will attend the KCATA meeting this afternoon.

Commissioner Mike Smith was a judge for the Council on Aging Halloween costume contest.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting tonight and the Fairmount Township meeting tomorrow evening.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:58 a.m.