

*****October 30, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring, Steve Vernon, Garry Anderson, Joanne Aaron and Karen Bottary commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson read a proclamation recognizing Operation Greenlight for Veteran's.

Commissioner Culbertson read an updated letter regarding property taxes and LAVTR that will be included in citizen's tax statements.

Commissioner Kaaz responded to comments to St. Luke's leaving Leavenworth and why hasn't the County done anything about it. She indicated the County has no control over that and can't make any organization stay in Leavenworth County.

Commissioner Stieben read a letter from the Commission to the railroad regarding blockage of public roads.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the requirements of contractors conducting core samplings on roads.

Bill Noll indicated there is a right of way permitting process in place through Public Works.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, October 30, 2024 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry presented amendments to the sick leave/buyback policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to table for two weeks.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested to accept the roadway in Orchard Meadows.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the roadway in Orchard Meadows by Precision Contracting and Development with an extended 3-year maintenance bond.

Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioners Culbertson and Stieben voting nay.

Mr. Noll presented an updated 2025 dust control request form.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the 2025 dust control form with the subsidized 10% of the dust abatement.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2024-25 a rezone request from RR-5 to RR-2.5 located at 18415 Eisenhower Rd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to send this case back to the Planning Commission and request that they have more specificity on the issue of character of the neighborhood in relation to the fact that there are existing parcels that are a smaller size and giving us more definitive reasons for their decision.

Motion failed, 2-3, Commissioners Culbertson, Doug Smith and Kaaz voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the rezoning request from RR-5 to RR-2.5 in Case # DEV-24-116 and that it meets the Comp Plan and Land Use Plan.

Motion failed, 3-2, Commissioners Stieben and Mike Smith voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to send this back to the Planning Commission requesting specificity on their interpretation of the character of the neighborhood in relation to the fact that there are existing homesteads that are of smaller acreages and other factors.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bob Weber presented Board Order 2024-8, granting disaster relief tax abatement for buildings destroyed by fire.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Board Order 2024-8, granting disaster relief tax abatement for buildings on 24625 200th St and a tax credit for buildings on 25214 163rd St. substantially destroyed by fire.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Weber presented the quarterly report for the County Appraiser's Office.

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

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Transit Authority meeting. She also clarified she does not hold any interest or own the property in the rezone case today.

Commissioner Mike Smith will judge the costume contest at Council on Aging today.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:03 a.m.