

\*\*\*\*\*November 13, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 13, 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; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of County Canvassers.***

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

Janet Klasinski reported there are 421 provisionals that she feels are qualified.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the provisionals as recommended by the County Clerk.***

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

Ms. Klasinski continued to report on the election results and write in candidates.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adjourn as the Board of County Canvassers and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.***

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 13, 2024 as presented.***

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

Aaron Yoakam requested authorization to sign tax credit applications for renovations to the Courthouse.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to authorize the Buildings and Grounds director to sign tax credit documents for the Courthouse.***

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

Bob Weber presented Board Order 2024-9, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for buildings destroyed by fire.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Board Order 2024-9, granting a disaster relief tax abatement for buildings on 17953 157<sup>th</sup> St. Basehor, Kansas, substantially destroyed by fire.***

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

Bill Noll presented a proposal from Olsson and Associates for on call engineering services.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the proposal and authorize Public Works to enter into a 3-year contract with Olsson and Associates for on-call county engineering services with an option for a 2-year extension.*

*Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Doug Smith voting nay.*

Mr. Noll requested approval of a change order for bridge project HP-29.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve a change order for base stabilization for bridge project HP-29.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Mark Loughry presented amendments to the sick leave, sick leave buyback and shared leave policies.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the amendment as presented to the sick leave, sick leave buyback and shared leave policies effective January 1, 2025.*

*Motion failed, 4-1, Commissioners Kaaz, Mike Smith, Culbertson and Doug Smith voting nay.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the amendments as presented to the sick leave with the sick leave being max out at 1250 hours.*

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

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

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

*A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben the amendments to the sick leave policy with amount being raised to 1250 hours.*

*Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioners Culbertson and Doug Smith voting nay.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of County Canvassers.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Ms. Klasinski said she mistakenly reported 421 provisional ballots qualified but indicated the number was actually 416 ballots that were counted but they made no change to the results of the election.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to certify the 2024 general election.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adjourn as the Board of County Canvassers and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the County and confidential matters related to potential 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 11:25 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, County Counselor, Misty Brown and County Administrator Mark Loughry.***

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

The Board returned to regular session at 11:25 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

The Commissioners participated in the Veteran's Day Parade.

Commissioner Kaaz will be attending a finance meeting for the Transit Authority.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.