

\*\*\*\*\*November 22, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Andy Dedeke, Leavenworth County Sheriff; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Mike Smith recognized the passing of Mayor Wilson's sister.

Commissioner Kaaz recognized the passing of Charlie Hill, a longtime member of the Port Authority.

Mark Loughry noted the term for Doug Schimke of the Port Authority will expire December 31, 2023.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to offer Doug Schimke to do another term on the Port Authority.***

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

Commissioner Doug Smith noted the Alliance Against Family Violence and CASA received federal grant funding.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about Flatlands.

Mr. Loughry reported KDHE visited Flatlands and they are aware of issues.

Commissioner Mike Smith spoke about the LAVTR letter sent in the property tax statements and inquired if an informational letter could be sent every year.

Commissioner Stieben suggested to not include the Leavenworth Port Authority in the Outside Agency Policy for funding routing the funding for LCDC directly to them.

Mr. Loughry outlined the Outside Agency Funding Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that funding for the Port Authority be required to follow the policy currently in effect if it is given to a third party.

Commissioner Mike Smith withdrew his second.

Commissioner Stieben withdrew his motion.

It was the consensus of the Board to not place this on the agenda for future discussion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 22, 2023 as presented.***

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

Bill Noll requested to accept bid for the replacement of bridge A-60 from Reece Construction.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept bid from Reece Construction for the replacement of bridge A-60 on 215<sup>th</sup> Street.***

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

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract for 2024 trap rock with New Frontier Materials.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a contract for 2024 trap rock delivery with New Frontier Materials.***

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

Sheriff Andy Dedeke presented information to the Board about Kansas Fights Addiction.

All Commissioners attended the Legislative Breakfast on November 16, 2023.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Northeast Kansas Officials Meeting.

Commissioner Stieben attended the Economic Development Outlook meeting, the Tonganoxie City Council meeting and the Port Authority meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Mike Smith participated in the County's Chili Cookoff. He will attend the Lansing Mayor's Christmas tree lighting ceremony on December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Port Authority meeting and the Workforce Partnership meeting, Transit Authority and the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:57 a.m.