

*****November 4, 2020*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday November 4, 2020. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Schimke and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Andy Dedeke, Leavenworth County Sheriff; Janice Van Parys, County Treasurer, Jennifer Schermbeck, Deputy County Treasurer

Residents: Duskin Hull, Dee Hull, Jennifer Hull, Ed Irvine, John Matthews, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Holly Swearingen and Roger Swearingen commented on an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Andy Dedeke requested funding for an audit for an ongoing investigation with the County Treasurer's Office.

Discussion took place and concerns were raised over the cost and timing of the audit.

Sheriff Dedeke recommended to take no action today and work with the auditor and Treasurer on the timing and costs.

Commissioner Kaaz requested the removal of the check register from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Schimke to accept the consent agenda minus the check registry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schimke and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the check registry as presented.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Kaaz abstained.

Mark Loughry presented a donation agreement for St. Luke's Cushing Hospital.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept the donation of St. Luke's Cushing Hospital building and grounds as described in the donation agreement and to authorize the chairman to execute the agreement upon the final preparation.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller presented a proposed pay plan for EMS technicians.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schimke and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the pay plan for EMS.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Krystal Voth presented a memo for Tri-Hull Crane indicating the KDOT study is not completed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Schimke to table Tri-Hull Crane to January 13, 2021.

Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Kaaz voting nay.

Ms. Voth presented Resolution 2020-43, a renewal of a special use permit for McLouth Ornamental Iron and Farm Repair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Schimke to approve Resolution 2020-43 a special use permit for McLouth Ornamental Iron and Farm Repair.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of Resolution 2020-44, amending the current policy for closure or restriction of travel upon certain county roads.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schimke and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adopt Resolution 2020-44.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of the 2021 dust control request form.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to table the dust control request form until next week.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a proposal by ARUP to conduct a feasibility study for the Eastern Gateway Bridge project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schimke and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to have a work session on November 18th on the Eastern Gateway Bridge project.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested consideration to secure outside counsel with Ballard and Spahr for the Eastern Gateway Bridge project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Schimke to move the item of Ballard and Spahr, Eastern Gateway Bridge project to December 2.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Kaaz reported there are still additional ballots and provisional ballots to be counted.

Ed Irvine made a public comment.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:56 a.m.