

*****November 8, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 8, 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Raymond Reynolds, Brendan Sheehan, Chris Kerry

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kaaz read a proclamation recognizing Operation Green Light for veterans.

Janet Klasinski requested the chairperson to randomly select two precincts to audit in which one is USD #469 and the other is city of Leavenworth Commission. Commissioner Kaaz randomly selected Lansing Ward 3 for the school district and second precinct, sixth ward for the Leavenworth City Commission.

Mark Loughry reported the Register of Deeds will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 8:14 a.m.

Mr. Loughry thanked employees who participated in the health assessments.

Commissioner Culbertson indicated he has been called for jury duty next Monday and may not be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 8, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Brenden Sheehan requested approval of US Bicycle Route 55 and a letter of support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve US Bicycle Route 55 through Leavenworth County and a letter of support.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Resolution 10-23-03 from the city of Tonganoxie was presented for consideration of approval for an annexation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that the proposed annexation hinders the proper growth and development of the area.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of contract with SMH for design services for the high-risk rural roads project on Tonganoxie Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve a contract with SMH for design services for the high-risk rural roads project on Tonganoxie Road.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract for construction with Kaaz Construction for three replacement culverts through ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve culvert replacement to the local contractor Julius Kaaz Construction for ST-59 and ST-60 and K-37.
Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Kaaz abstained.

Raymond Reynolds commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Mike Smith will attend the LCDC annual VIP meeting on Friday and the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday.

Commissioners Kaaz and Doug Smith attended the Council on Aging fundraiser for Meals on Wheels. She will attend the St. Mary's Veteran's Day Pinning Ceremony on Monday.

Commissioner Doug Smith will participate in the Veteran's Day Parade and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Stieben thanked everyone that ran for office.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting.

Mr. Loughry reminded everyone the Courthouse will be closed this Friday in observance of Veteran's Day.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:07 a.m.