

*****December 15, 2021*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, 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; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Ed Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner-Elect; Mike Reilly, Reilly Insurance; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: AW Himpel, John Matthews, Dennis Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry announced a reception for Mayor Breuer of Basehor this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 15, 2021 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Reilly presented a proposal from Traveler's Insurance for the County's 2022 insurance program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to accept the proposal from Traveler's Insurance for the 2022 year.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon discussed a change in the fee schedule for the Senior Express Transportation.

Discussion took place regarding the redistricting of Commission districts.

Direction was given to staff to adopt the first map moving Alexandria Township to the 5th district and one precinct from the city of Leavenworth to the 1st District.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended a retirement celebration at the County Shop. He will attend the retirement celebration for Steve Jack on Friday and the reception for Mayor Dave Breuer this afternoon.

Commissioner Culbertson reported the city of Easton will pass a no jake-brake ordinance.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and a special Workforce Partnership meeting electing a new CEO.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the American Legion Post Christmas dinner, attended the Leavenworth Fire District One meeting and met with Lansing City Administrator, Tim Vandall. He proposed Leavenworth County develop a coin that could be presented on special occasions such as retirements.

Commissioner Stieben indicated a school member from Basehor-Linwood will be drafting a letter to KDOT for reduction of speed in front of the new school on K-32.

Commissioner Kaaz announced the new director for the Alliance Against Family Violence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of potential litigation involving the legal interests of the County as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel for the Board which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that the Board resume open meeting at 9:55 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys and County Administrator Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:55 a.m. No action was taken, no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if the County receives a year- end report from outside agencies that the County has given contributions to reflecting what they have spent the funds on.

Mr. Loughry indicated he will develop a policy on charitable contributions with required accountability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to adjourn.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:57 a.m.