

*****December 21, 2022*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Wes Baker, Eric McMillin, Louis Klemp

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reminded everyone the Courthouse will be closed Friday and Monday for the Christmas holiday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 21, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bob Weber presented Board Order 2022-7, a disaster relief tax abatement on two properties destroyed by fire.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2022-7, granting disaster relief tax abatement to two homes destroyed by fire.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith opened the public hearing for the amended 2022 Leavenworth County Budget.

Eric McMillin and Louis Klemp commented.

Commissioner Mike Smith closed the public hearing.

Mr. Loughry explained the amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to amend the 2022 Leavenworth County budget as presented by the County Clerk.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the MARC meeting and the Basehor City Council meeting. He will attend a retirement party at the County Shop.

Commissioner Stieben visited with the Sherman Township coordinator regarding the formation of a fire district and will be meeting with the chairman of the LCDC Board.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the MARC meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that this Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of pending 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 9:50 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys and County Administrator, Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that this Board recess from open session and go into a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) and to protect the privacy interests of the persons involved and that this Board resume open session in this meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Present in the executive session will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Doug Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry and others as invited by the Board.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to non-elected personnel.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.