

*****December 7, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 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; Sonya Murphy, Extension Office Local Unit Director; Andrew Holder, Legal Counsel; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Wes Baker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry announced Connie Harmon and Soma San graduated from the Kansas University Certified Public Management Program on Friday, December 2.

Mr. Loughry reminded the Board of the legislative breakfast scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 a.m.

Commissioner Stieben suggested to add property tax reform and medical marijuana to the list of subjects to discuss with representatives.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Sonya Murphy presented the 2023 budget form for the Extension Council for approval and signature.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to authorize the chairman to sign the Leavenworth County Extension Council budget form for 2023.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that the 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 10:00 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, County Administrator, Mark Loughry and Andrew Holder, Legal Counsel.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:00 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 Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to add an update to the public regarding the ongoing litigation with Flatland to the agenda for our January 11th Commission meeting.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the City of Lansing held their Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday.

Commissioner Stieben will meet with the Economic Development Director from Desoto to discuss the battery plant.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to adjourn.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Final Approved