

*****February 1, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 1, 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; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Aaron Yoakam, Building and Grounds Director; Mike Spickelmier, Solid Waste Committee; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Eric McMillin, Joe Herring, Wes Baker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reminded the Board about an open house for the Crisis Stabilization Unit for the Guidance Center today at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 1, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A request was presented to approve the Solid Waste Committee members for 2023.

Mr. Loughry pointed out that the Solid Waste Committee does not have the authority to remove or appoint members of the committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the minutes and appointment of officers and remove the person who has not attended in 10 years and them open it up to find somebody to fill that.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike Spickelmier requested approval of a tarp rate increase for the Transfer Station.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the increase of the tarp fee as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a policy on monument or historical marker placements on County property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the sign and monument marker and commemoration placement policy.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Case Number DEV-22-162, an exception on a tract split for Murr Farms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to grant an exception on a tract split with a proposed angle to the line for Case Number DEV-22-162, Murr tract split located at 25479 Dempsey Road.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2023-4, a request for special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to table until next week.

Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

Tammy Saldivar presented the quarterly report for the Solid Waste Department.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Building and Grounds.

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 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 Board resume open meeting at 10:05 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 10:05 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting, the Fairmount Township meeting and the JCAB meeting with Commissioner Kaaz.

Commissioner Stieben met with Jeremy Greenameyer with LCDC and attended KAC Government Day in Topeka. He will attend County Day in Topeka on February 9.

Commissioner Culbertson met with Colonel Misenheimer regarding PILOT checks, attended the MARC 911 meeting and spoke with Senator Tyson about LAVTR funds.

Commissioner Mike Smith will speak with the Leavenworth/Lansing Leadership group on Friday.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a KCATA meeting, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Willcott Brewing Company and the Women's Division of Commerce meeting.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:13 a.m.