

*****February 15, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 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; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Wes Baker, Sean Britz, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Bill Noll briefed the Board regarding a possible grant through KDOT that would realign the intersection of 175th and Dempsey Road with an approximate cost to the County of \$295,000.00 that was not budgeted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the HSIP fund.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Kaaz corrected information about her being the first woman chair. She indicated minutes reflect Dollie Scheller was appointed chair on January 10, 1983.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 15, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon requested approval of a dining center contract with Florence Riford Senior Center and the Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the dining center contract with Florence Riford Senior Center and the Council on Aging as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that this 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 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 has 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.

Commissioner Mike Smith reminded everyone of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Council on Aging and K-State Extension Office this afternoon.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting, the Little Stranger Church Soup Social on February 21st and the MARC meeting next Tuesday.

Commissioner Stieben will attend the Elephant Club meeting and a Property Tax Force meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a KCATA meeting and met with Frank White III to tour the Richard Allen Cultural Center. She also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and will attend the Workforce Partnership meeting next week via Zoom.

Commissioner Kaaz inquired if anyone would like to attend the NEK-CAP ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday as she will not be available.

Commissioner Kaaz reminded everyone that next week's Commission meeting will be held on Thursday.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:58 a.m.