

*****February 19, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Clifton and Crystal Blackdeer commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A brief discussion took place regarding LCDC and Port Authority funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to hold the funding until the work session.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 19, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Planning and Zoning offered a presentation regarding using licensed vendors for serving alcohol on special use permits.

Staff was directed to draft policy that if alcohol will be on the premise during a commercial event under a special use permit that a licensed officer be present during that event.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the county and confidential matters related to potential claims and litigation as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with legal counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that the Board resume open meeting at 10:50 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Counselor Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil and County Administrator Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular meeting at 10:51 a.m. No decisions were made and the subject was limited to the legal interests of the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the county and confidential matters related to potential claims and litigation as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with legal counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that the Board resume open meeting at 11:10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Counselor Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil and County Administrator Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular meeting at 11:11 a.m. No decisions were made and the subject was limited to the legal interests of the county.

Commissioners Stieben and Dove testified in Topeka on the property tax cap.

Commissioner Smith will attend the JCAB meeting tomorrow.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Final Approved