

*****February 21, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Louis Klemp

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Doug Smith mentioned House Bill 2599 pertaining to fees for open records inquiring how that would affect the county.

David Van Parys indicated if the new bill is passed it would require the county to not charge anything if the search for the record is less than \$100.00. which would cover 95% of the requests received. He indicated the fiscal impact to the county would be nominal.

Commissioner Doug Smith mentioned Senate Bill 468 pertaining to economic development restrictions with regards to revenue neutral.

Mark Loughry indicated staff has not had a chance to review the bill to sufficiently provide an economic impact.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if there is a need for an executive session to discuss legal matters.

Mr. Van Parys indicated he could provide a legal overview in the next week or two.

Commissioner Stieben reported the property tax bill passed through the senate and is sitting at the house taxation committee indicating the legislators have determined they may not have a hearing on it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of the 2024 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report and the 2024 Noxious Weed Management Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the 2024 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report and the 2024 Noxious Weed Management Plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of the minimum area for the Federal Highway Administration adjusted urban boundary in Leavenworth County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the minimum area for the Federal Highway Administration adjusted urban boundary in Leavenworth County.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board discussed the MARC scoring of county projects.

Commissioners Culbertson and Doug Smith attended a home school presentation.

Commissioners Doug Smith and Stieben attended Representative Jake LaTurner's speech and both will be attending the Juvenile Advisory Board meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Port Authority meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith will meet with Tim Vandall, city of Lansing next month.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Final Approved