

\*\*\*\*\*February 26, 2025\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Reid is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Travis Hunsecker, Deputy Appraiser; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tama Brzustowicz and Louis Klemp commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Mark Loughry reported that the current Wellness Incentive Policy does not include retirees that are on the county health insurance and will amend the policy to include that to bring back next week.

Commissioner Culbertson will testify on Senate Bill 108 tomorrow morning.

Commissioner Culbertson announced CoreCivic will give a presentation on Saturday at their facility.

Commissioner Stieben commented on Fire District #1.

Commissioner Stieben commented on the former economic development director.

Commissioner Smith requested letters of support for the city of Basehor's request for lowering the speed limit and a letter of support for Leavenworth Waterworks consolidation.

Commissioner Dove reported the State of the City of Basehor will be held March 11 at 11:30 a.m.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 26, 2025 as presented.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Commissioner Stieben read a memo from the city of Tonganoxie requesting a continuance of the rehearing of their annexation request.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson for a continuance of the hearing to March 26, 2025.***

***Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.***

Misty Brown requested authorization to process claims and expenditures on behalf of Fire District #1.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Counselor's office to process claims and expenditures on behalf of Fire District #1, in compliance with the County's Procurement Policy.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Jamie VanHouten requested approval for the application for FY2026 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the application for the FY2026 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Ms. VanHouten requested approval for the application for FY2026 Adult Comprehensive Plan

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve FY2026 Adult Comprehensive Plan.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the application for FY2026-2027 JCAB grant.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Travis Hunsecker requested approval of Board Order 2025-1, granting disaster relief tax abatement.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-1 granting disaster relief tax abatement for tax ID's 1-28711, 1-21058, and 2025 tax credit for tax ID 1-37570 which were substantially destroyed by fire in 2024.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Hunsecker presented the quarterly report for the Appraiser's Office.

Ms. VanHouten presented the quarterly report for Community Corrections.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for 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 Board resume open meeting at 10:30 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 at 10:30 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal actions of the county.

Commissioners Stieben and Culbertson participated in the MARC meeting.

Commissioners Dove and Stieben will be attending the NACO Conference in Washington D.C. next week.

Commissioner Smith met with the mayor of Basehor and the LCPA meeting.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn.***

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

The Board adjourned at 10:32 a.m.