

*****February 8, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 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; Jamie Miller, Health Dept./EMS Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Louis Klemp, John Matthews, Wes Baker, Eric McMillin, Cindy Lynch

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

David Van Parys announced a settlement agreement has been reached with Flatlands in regards to ongoing litigation.

Commissioner Stieben requested to move the meeting for February 22nd to February 21st or February 23rd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to change the date of the meeting from the 22nd of February to the 23rd of February at 9:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Kaaz reported she will be out of town for the meeting the week of February 20th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith that Jeff Culbertson be the chair.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 8, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller requested approval of the purchase of replacement furniture for the Health Department conference room.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith authorize the Health Department to purchase replacement conference room furniture not to exceed \$33,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon requested approval of a MOU with St. Mary's University Occupational Therapy Program and the Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to authorize the chairperson to sign the affiliation agreement with the University of St. Mary's Occupational Therapy Program and the Council on Aging.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve and authorize the chairperson to sign the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2023.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Aaron Yoakam requested to engage SMH consultants for design services for the Cushing Building parking lot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to engage with SMH consultants for the design services for the Cushing Building parking lot in an amount of \$52,910.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2023-4 a request for a special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center indicating the applicant has requested a continuance for a State Fire Marshall's report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to table this issue until the 29th of February pending the ruling of the State Fire Marshall.

Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

Commissioner Stieben amended his motion to March 1 and Commissioner Mike Smith amended his second.

Louis Klemp commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Stieben will attend government day in Topeka tomorrow.

Commissioner Culbertson attended a meet and greet on Friday at Ten and Two.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Crisis Stabilization Center for the Guidance Center and will attend the ground breaking for the Basehor Civic Campus on Saturday.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:29 a.m.