

*****March 12, 2025*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kirstin Workman, Steven Vernon and Brian Kellogg commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry recognized Employee Appreciation Day was last week.

The Board briefly discussed property tax bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 12, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Tammy Saldivar requested approval of a recycling category of Municipal Solid Waste.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to add a recycling category of Municipal Solid Waste at a rate of \$125 per ton determined by county staff to the county's current rate sheet.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a financing agreement with Kansas State Bank for two dump trucks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the financing agreement with Kansas State Bank for two dump trucks previously approved with the condition of three yearly payments of \$136,163.56 per year for three yearly payments.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of Resolution 2025-8, accepting the Safe Streets for All Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve Resolution 2025-8, accepting Safe Streets for All Vision Zero Plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown presented Resolution 2025-9, altering the boundaries of Rural Fire District No. 1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas by detaching the city of Lansing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2025-9, altering the boundaries of Rural Water District No. 1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas (hereinafter Fire District No. 1) by detaching the city of Lansing from Fire District No. 1.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Resolution 2025-10 was presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to table the detachment, there are a number of unanswered questions regarding the effects of detaching High Prairie Township from Fire District No. 1 at this time. There are questions regarding the fire protection that would be provided to the citizens of High Prairie Township on or after April 1st. There are questions about the financial obligations owed to Fire District No. 1 for services that have been provided. There are questions about whether or not a contract is needed with High Prairie Township, if they are going to provide fire protection while they are still part of Fire District No. 1. I move to table this matter until March 26, 2025.

Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioner Reid and Culbertson voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Stieben 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 the Board resume open meeting at 10:40 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 session at 10:40 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the Sheriff release pagers to High Prairie Township.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Aaron Yoakam presented information on phase 2 stone and masonry work on the Courthouse.

It was the consensus of the Board to go with the options of full terracotta and full GFRC and abandon the non-historic full stone replacement.

Commissioner Stieben will be speaking March 20th at the Elephant Club.

Commissioner Smith attended the Basehor State of the City. He reminded everyone of the KCCA conference in April that will be held in Manhattan.

Commissioner Reid will attend the State of the City for KCATA today at Children Mercy Park.

Commissioner Reid indicated she would like to discuss the moment of silent prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioners will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Monday.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:51 a.m.