

\*\*\*\*\*March 15, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 15, 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; Amy Allison, Deputy Planning and Zoning Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; Sonya Murphy, Extension Office; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Eric McMillin, John Matthews, Cindy Lynch, Joe Herring

Commissioner Kaaz read a proclamation recognizing March as Kansas Agriculture Month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Mark Loughry reported the County received local assistance and tribal consistency funds which have to spent according to guidelines. He requested authorization to transfer these funds for use of the previously approved sewer line replacement project for the city of Linwood in lieu of the ARPA funds.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to allow the expenditures of the LATC funds for the Linwood expenditures for their sewer lines.***

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

David Van Parys reported he requested information from KDHE regarding fires at the landfill indicating the reports would cost approximately \$770.00 to obtain these reports. He indicated he will continue to work with KDHE to obtain these reports.

Commissioner Doug Smith asked if agricultural preserve is a zoning issue.

Mr. Van Parys reported Kansas Law allows property owners to place their land in agricultural preserve which is not a zoning category.

The Board briefly spoke about local ad valorem taxes.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 15, 2023 as presented.***

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

Amy Allison updated the Board on Resolution 2023-4, a special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center reported that a letter from the State Fire Marshall was received last night indicating they are granting the variance for the fire suppression system. She said the Board of Building Codes tabled this item until March 22<sup>nd</sup> for the response from the Fire Marshall's office.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to table until March 29.***

***Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Culbertson abstained.***

Commissioner Stieben attended the Fire District #2 meeting in Reno Township.

Commissioner Culbertson met with Senator Tyson about property taxes, attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and he will speak at the Chamber of Commerce meeting this evening.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the LCDC meeting and will deliver Meals on Wheels on Tuesday.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a KCATA meeting and will attend the NEK-CAP meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting and will deliver Meals on Wheels on Monday.

The Board will participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade on Friday.

Eric McMillin commented on non-agenda items.

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

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

The Board adjourned at 9:31 a.m.