

\*\*\*\*\*March 22, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 22, 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; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Eric McMillin, Joe Herring, Shawn and Christy Britz, Wes Baker

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Doug Smith reported Jackson County Kansas is seeking lost revenue on federal land indicating they are hiring a law firm using ARPA funds.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired about letters received from the State Fire Marshall's office.

Commissioner Stieben indicated the State Fire Marshall's office didn't realize the County had building codes.

Commissioner Stieben read a letter from a constituent that indicated the County has spent \$12 million refurbishing the Cushing Building.

Mark Loughry reported there has been less than \$5 million spent in ARPA funds on the Cushing Building.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 22, 2023 as presented.***

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

Amy Allison presented Case Number DEV-23-001 and 002, a preliminary and final plat for Double M.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Case Number DEV-001 and 002 a preliminary and final plat for Double M.***

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

Connie Harmon presented a memorandum of understanding between Council on Aging and Perky's Café for the leisure and learning program activities.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the memorandum of understanding between Council on Aging and Perky's Café for the leisure and learning program activities.***

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

Bill Noll presented a lease agreement with Sherman Township Fire Department for the salt dome and grader storage.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the lease agreement with Sherman Township Fire Department for the salt dome and grader storage.  
Motion passed, 5-0.***

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the Board attended St. Patrick's Day parade. He mentioned that during the budget process he want to have a conversation about cutting the mil levy in half.

Commissioner Kaaz participated in the NEK-CAP Board of Directors meeting, spoke at the League of Women Voters meeting, participated in the NAACP meeting , attended the Workforce Partnership meeting, Port Authority meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting and the Fairmount Township meeting. He will attend the Mayor's State of the City Address in Basehor.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Final Approved