

*****March 26, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Smith is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Jon Khalil, Deputy County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp and Dan Clemons commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben read a resolution that was adopted by the Kansas House of Representatives.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 19, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The amended annexation request by the city of Tonganoxie was presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to table the rehearing of the city of Tonganoxie's amended island annexation to April 2 to provide the entire Board of County Commissioners the opportunity???

Motion passed, 4-0.

Misty Brown presented Resolution 2025-10.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2025-10, authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with High Prairie Township for the provision of fire protection services within High Prairie Township beginning April 1, 2025.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to amend the agreement with the city of Lansing and fire protection services within Fire District #1 to exclude the provisions of fire protection services in High Prairie Township effective April 1, 2025 and direct staff to notify the city of Lansing and take action required to satisfy the intent of this motion.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve Resolution 2025-12, altering the boundaries of Rural Fire District #1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas (herein Fire District #1) by detaching High Prairie Township from Fire District #1.

Motion passed, 4-0.

John Jacobson presented Case DEV-24-157 & 158, final plat for Elston Estates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-24-157 & 158 is compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted

by this Board subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Jacobson presented Case DEV-24-147, final plat for Cheyenne Crossing 2nd .

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-24-147 is compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted by this Board subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Bill Noll requested to reject bids on the replacement of bridge K-19.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to reject all bids for the replacement of bridge K-19 located on 179th St.

Motion passed, 3-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

Mr. Noll requested approve a contract for the replacement of bridge ST-26.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the contract with Bryan-Ohlmeier Construction for the replacement of bridge ST-26 on Fairmount Road in the amount of \$1,094,319.45 with a 5% contingency.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A brief discussion took place regarding the moment of silent prayer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove that this Board move to closed executive meeting for preliminary discussions related to the acquisition of real property for public improvements, as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the Board resume open meeting at 10:10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry, County Counselor, Misty Brown, and Deputy County Counselor, Jon Khalil.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:10 a.m. No decisions were made and the subject was limited to property acquisition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove that this Board approve a letter of support to acquire ground from the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A brief discussion took place regarding RHID and county policies.

Commissioner Reid attended the city of Lansing planning meetings.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and the MARC meeting.

Commissioner Stieben spoke at the Elephant Club.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Final Approved