

*****March 5, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Stieben is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Georgia Moore, Council on Aging; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dove recognized Mike Buckhouse for his services with EMS.

Commissioner Smith read a proclamation for March for Meals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the letter of support for Leavenworth Waterworks.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to send a letter of support for the speed reduction on 24/40.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioner Culbertson read his testimony from the property tax hearing in Topeka.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 5, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Connie Harmon requested approval of a MOU with The Deeper Window Association.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the MOU.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Jamie Miller requested approval of the Aid to Local Grants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to authorize the chairman to sign the application for Aid to Local Grants for the Health Department.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Bill Noll presented a bid from Bryan-Ohlmeier Construction for the replacement of bridge ST-26.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the bid from 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.

Mr. Noll presented the annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report and the Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report for 2025 and the Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2025.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Mark Loughry presented the amended Wellness Incentive Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the amended Wellness Incentive Policy with an effective date of March 1, 2025.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Board Order 2025-2 was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to table this for two weeks to March 19.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Jon Khalil presented Board Order 2025-3, a request for water attachment to Rural Water District No.6.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2025-3, accepting a petition for the attachment of certain property to Rural Water District No. 6 per legal description provided.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid 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 Board resume open meeting at 10:20 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, County Counselor Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil and County Administrator Mark Loughry.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:20 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 Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to authorize the County Counselor to proceed with entering into a settlement agreement with Linaweaver Construction and authorize the payment in the amount of \$60,000.00 to Linaweaver Construction.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioner Culbertson testified in Topeka for a property tax bill.

Commissioner Smith attended a Port Authority meeting and will attend the Basehor State of the City.

Commissioner Reid inquired about the Port Authority survey.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adjourn.
Motion passed, 4-0.*

The Board adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Final Approved