

*****March 6, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Dept. Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson read a proclamation proclaiming March for Meals for Council on Aging.

Connie Harmon introduced Dawn Owens as the new assistant director for the Council on Aging.

Mark Loughry reported a term is due to expire for a member that the Board appoints to the Port Authority.

Commissioner Kaaz reminded everyone that the primary election is going on and to get out and vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Harmon requested approval of a MOU with the University of Saint Mary's to allow social work students to complete fieldwork at the Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to authorize the chairman to sign a MOU with the University of Saint Mary's social work program and Council on Aging.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Aaron Yoakam requested approval of a service contract with Honeywell for HVAC control systems.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve a service contract with Honeywell for HVAC control systems.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller requested approval of the application for Aid to Local Grants for the Health Department.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge T-34 on 219th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge T-34 on 219th St in the amount of \$59,250.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge A-49 on 211th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a proposal from Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering services for bridge A-49 on 211th St. in the amount of \$59,250.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a bid from Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge T-34 on 219th St. in the amount of \$765,640.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a bid from Ebert Construction for the replacement of bridge A-49 on 211th St. in the amount of \$785,369.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a bid from MegaKC Corporation for the replacement of box culverts SH-63, HP-29 and HP-30 in the amount of \$1,564,500.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a bid from MegaKC Corporation for the replacement of box culverts SH-63, HP-29 and HP-30 in the amount of \$1,564,500.00. with a 3.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a request for Midco for a co-investment contribution for Broadband Acceleration Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to authorize staff to draft a letter to Midco with the in-kind contribution up to \$4,000.00.

Motion passed, 4-0. Commissioner Doug Smith abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that this Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of potential litigation involving the legal interests of the County as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel for the Board which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that the Board resume open meeting at 10:45 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Mike Stieben, Senior County Counselor, David Van Parys, County Counselor, Misty Brown, outside legal counsel, Andrew Holder, County Administrator, Mark Loughry and others that may be called by the Board.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Kaaz attended in the KCATA Board of Directors meeting and the groundbreaking for the streetcar extension.

Commissioner Mike Smith reminded everyone of the groundbreaking in Basehor on Friday.

Commissioner Culbertson will participate in the MARC climate meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Stieben reported LCDC will have a representative from the Union Pacific Railroad.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Final Approved