

*****April 12, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 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; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth County Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Eric McMillin, John Wagner, Cindy Lynch, Wes Baker, Chip DeMoss, Mike Spickelmier

Commissioner Mike Smith recognized Gene Young from Young Sign Company, Dave Trinkle, former Lansing City Council member and Jeff Fulch, retired street superintendent for the city of Lansing passings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric McMillin commented on an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon requested approval of a one-year contract with Accessible Solutions for cloud-based client software.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve a one- year contract with Accessible Solutions, Inc. for a cloud-based client software in the amount of \$7,925.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval of applications for the Juvenile Comprehensive Plan, the JCAB grant and non-matching juvenile crime prevention community grant.

Mark Loughry recognized the Community Corrections Department as number one in the State of Kansas for utilization of the screening tool the state implemented for intake of juveniles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the 2024 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the 2024 and 2025 JCAB grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the 2024 non- matching juvenile crime prevention community grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry inquired if the Board would like a work session with Atchison County to discuss Juvenile Community Corrections.

Bob Weber requested approval of Board Order 2023-3, a disaster tax relief abatement located at 23390 175th St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Board Order 2023-3, a disaster tax relief abatement located at 23390 175th St.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Resolution 2023-4, a special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center was presented.

Chip DeMoss spoke on behalf of the applicant of Whiskey Ridge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to adopt by reference the findings of the Planning Commission and approve Resolution 2023-4, conditionally granting the issuance of a special use permit to Orison, LLC for the operation of Whiskey Ridge Event Center subject to all conditions as stated in the resolution.

Motion fails, 2-2, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to return this back to the Planning and Zoning Commission until the sprinklers have been constructed and waive the one-year requirement.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to waive the one-year waiting period to reapply.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.

The Board considered the updated public comment policy.

Commissioner Kaaz indicated she would like to keep the public comment policy status quo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adopt the proposed policy.

Motion failed, 2-3 Commissioners Doug Smith, Culbertson and Kaaz voting nay.

Tammy Saldivar presented the quarterly report for the Transfer Station.

Mr. Weber presented the quarterly report for the County Appraiser's Office.

John Wagner commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting. Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Doug Smith attended the JCAB meeting in Atchison. He reported May 12th is Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.

Commissioner Stieben attended a meeting on the Panasonic battery plant. He will hold a meeting for the Property Tax Task Force and will also be volunteer at the Child Abuse Prevention fundraising breakfast at the Heritage Center tomorrow at 6:30 a.m.

Commissioner Culbertson spoke at the Chamber of Commerce about transportation and will speak on the same topic at the Lions Club. He also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 4th and Eisenhower project. He recognized recently hired employees.

Eric McMillin commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Kaaz will volunteer at the Child Abuse Prevention fundraising breakfast at the Heritage Center tomorrow at 6:30 a.m. She participated in strategic planning for the Kansas City Area Transit Authority.

Mr. Loughry reported Senator Pittman will attend the April 19th Commission meeting and a joint work session with the city of Tonganoxie will take place May 1st at 5:30 p.m. in Tonganoxie.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:37 a.m.