

\*\*\*\*\*April 24, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Caleb Gordon, Leavenworth County Treasurer; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Dave Breuer, Louis Klemp, Stacy Driscoll, Scott Loyd

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Louis Klemp commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Mark Loughry reported the payment to the city of Basehor for the 155<sup>th</sup> Street project has been paid.

Commissioner Doug Smith and Mike Smith will update the Board next week on the Kansas County Commissioners Association conference they attended. Commissioner Doug Smith inquired about the reapplication of dust control on Hemphill Road that is being used as a detour for construction on County Road 25. He believes the dust control individuals have already paid for will not hold up to the traffic.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported the Mid-America Regional Council voted to include unincorporated areas of Basehor and Tonganoxie into the urban areas. He inquired if the County has projects within those areas if we have to go through MARC to get funding.

Mr. Loughry will have staff look into how this will impact the County's grant application process.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 24, 2024.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of County Canvassers.***

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

Janet Klasinski reported on the Basehor #458 mail-in ballot.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to certify the city of Basehor's #458 mail-in ballot.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to adjourn as the Board of County Canvassers and convene as the Board of County Commissioners.***

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

Caleb Gordon requested funding for an audit for the Leavenworth County Treasurer's Office from Loyd Group, LLC.

Scott Loyd with Loyd Group, LLC spoke.

Commissioner Mike Smith suggested to audit last year and find funding within the Treasurer's budget. He indicated if anything is found in that audit to bring it back to the Commission.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval of the application for FY2025 Adult Comprehensive Plan.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the application for FY2025 adult comprehensive plan.***

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

Ms. VanHouten requested approval of a budget line-item adjustment for FY2024 Juvenile Crime Prevention budget.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the budget line-item adjustment for FY2024 Juvenile Crime Prevention budget.***

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

Ms. VanHouten presented the quarterly report for adult and juvenile Community Corrections.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the County and confidential matters related to pending 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 11:45 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Mike Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys, County Counselor, Misty Brown and County Administrator, Mark Loughry.***

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

The Board returned to regular meeting at 11:45 a.m. No action was taken; discussion was limited to pending litigation and confidential matters related to it.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a ribbon cutting for the new Basehor City Hall and the new financial institution. She participated in the Workforce Partnership, the adult advisory board meeting and attended the Supreme Court cases in Lansing.

The Commissioners participated in the Supreme Court Justice breakfast this morning.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the MARC meeting.

Commissioner Stieben participated as a delegate for a second district meeting to elect delegates to the Republic National Convention.

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

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.