

*****April 3, 2024 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 3, 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; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Deborah Liles, CASA; David Frese, Mayor of Tonganoxie; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Joe Herring, staff from Evergy, staff from the city of Tonganoxie, staff from CASA

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring and Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson read a proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Commissioner Doug Smith reported that Jefferson County passed a resolution indicating they are a non-sanctuary county.

Commissioner Culbertson indicated he would like Leavenworth County to pass a similar resolution

Commissioner Culbertson reported there has been an interest from someone to lease a county owned FEMA lot. He inquired if there is a consensus to have staff draft a lease agreement.

It was the consensus of the Board to have staff draft a lease agreement for the FEMA property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

David Van Parys presented Board Order 2024-4, vacating an unopened, unused road right-of-way section of Evans and 228th Street.

Commissioner Culbertson opened public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Culbertson closed public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Board Order 2024-4, vacating an unopened, unused road right-of-way section Evans Road in the vicinity of Evans Road and 228th Street.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval to utilize the opiate settlement funding to reimburse The Guidance Center for benefits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve Community Corrections to utilize the opiate settlement funding from Municipalities Fighting Addiction funds to reimburse The Guidance Center for benefits and to provide sustainability for adult cognitive programs.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2024-9, a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to adopt Resolution 2024-9 and approve the rezoning outlined in Case DEV-24-004 based on the findings on the Golden Factors, as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the findings of fact as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 4-0 Commissioner Doug Smith abstained.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2024-10, a rezoning from PR-1 to RR-5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to adopt Resolution 2024-10 and approve the rezoning as outlined in Case DEV-24-005 based on the findings on the Golden Factors, as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the findings of fact as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Van Parys presented an annexation request from the city of Tonganoxie.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to table for 30 days to May 1.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Fairmount Township meeting and will attend the JCAB meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a Transit Authority meeting.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:17 a.m.