

*****April 30, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Jon Khalil, Deputy County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bob Weber, County Appraiser, David Martin, Information Systems Deputy Director

Commissioner Smith read a proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Looney, Mike Trapp and Joan Murnane commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben requested approval of Public Works mowing before the Fair.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct Public Works to mow before the Fair.

Commissioner Stieben commented the Board is still getting calls and emails regarding the smell at the Easton landfill.

Commissioner Stieben reported that there are minors receiving services through the Health Department that are chemical in nature and inquired if there are side effects from the medications what is the liability of the County.

Misty Brown stated that any medication that is distributed through the Health Department is done through a doctor from KU and liability discussion should be discussed in an executive session.

Commissioner Culbertson requested a formal motion to add paving 187th St from Santa Fe to Logan to the CIP.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to add paving 187th St from Santa Fe to Logan to the CIP.

Dennis Bixby commented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 30, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Smith read a letter recognizing Eagle Scout Henry Chaar.

Misty Brown presented Resolution 2025-15, altering the boundaries of Rural Fire District No. 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Resolution 2025-15, altering the boundaries of Rural Fire District No. 1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas to include only High Prairie Township.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon requested approval of the changes to the Council on Aging Advisory Board by-laws.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the proposed changes to the Council on Aging Advisory Board by-laws.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

David Martin presented the quarterly report for Information Systems.

Bob Weber presented the quarterly report for the Appraiser's office.

Paul Cromer commented.

The Board discussed a draft resolution addressing animal cruelty.

Julie Downes and Joan Murnane commented.

It was the consensus of the Board to bring back the resolution for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to potential claims and litigation which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that the Board resume open meeting at 11:00 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, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry, County Counselor Misty Brown and Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Smith met with Senator Klemp.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adjourn.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:01 a.m.