

\*\*\*\*\*April 5, 2022 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator

Mayor: Camalla Leonhard, Mayor Pro Tem: Jermaine Wilson

Leavenworth City Commissioners: Griff Martin, Edd Hingula, Nancy Bauder

A work session was held with the Leavenworth City Commission.

Discussion took place regarding regional transportation to include the Eastern Gateway and the Regional Transportation Study.

Discussion took place regarding taxation to include LAVTR, the appraisal system, mill levy and the payment in lieu of taxes from Fort Leavenworth.

Discussion took place regarding economic development to include the industrial parks and CoreCivic.

Discussion took place regarding current and future cost concerns.

The Board ended the work session at 7:20 p.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*April 6, 2022 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Kelly Meyer, CASA Director; Deborah Lyles, CASA; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: AW Himpel, John Matthews, Dennis Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry requested approval for a letter of support for the RAISE grant application.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the letter of support for the RAISE grant.***

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

Commissioner Stieben raised a question of the authority of the Commission regarding tannerite in the County.

David Van Parys indicated the state fire marshal has authority to regulate and control explosives.

Commissioner Stieben reported a bill is waiting to be approved that would allow Commissioners to abate property taxes on out buildings damaged in a declared disaster.

Commissioner Culbertson addressed misinformation about appraisals and valuations conducted through the County Appraiser's Office.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith that the County Commissioners tell the County Appraiser to freeze everyone's property values from 2021-2022, no increase in values.***

Mr. Van Parys reported the action in the motion is not lawful as the County Commission cannot direct the County Appraiser as the Appraiser is directed by the Department of Revenue indicating the motion would be null and void under Kansas Law.

***Commissioner Culbertson withdrew his motion and Commissioner Doug Smith withdrew his second.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith that when the State follows the law of K.S.A. 79-2959 and 79-2964 and returns our LAVTR money we will use 100% of it to reduce our mill levy and relieve everyone's tax amount that they pay to the County.***

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

Commissioner Mike Smith read a proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention month.

Kelly Meyer expressed her appreciation on behalf of CASA.

Mr. Loughry reported a vacancy on the Council on Aging advisory board and inquired on how the Board would like to proceed with the recommendation of the provided or to advertise for the position.

Commissioner Kaaz indicated the Commission should rely on the recommendations of the advisory board.

Mr. Loughry indicated he will put the recommendation on the consent agenda for next week.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 6, 2022 as presented.***

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

Bill Noll requested disposal of surplus equipment to sell on PurpleWave.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to authorize the Public Works Department to surplus the equipment listed to PurpleWave auctions.***

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

Mr. Loughry presented drawings from the Challenge Coin contest.

The Board selected a winner of the Challenge Coin contest.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Mental Health Task Force meeting. She will attend the Mental Health Summit next week.

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the city of Lansing is looking at building an aquatics center.

All Commissioners participated in a joint work session with the Leavenworth City Commission on Tuesday evening.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:48 a.m.