

\*\*\*\*\*April 5, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 5, 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; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Wes Baker, Chip Demoss, John Matthews, Cindy Lynch, Joe Herring, Kirk Sours, Eric Weslander

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wes Baker commented on an agenda item.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

David Van Parys introduced Misty Brown as the Deputy County Counselor.

Mark Loughry recognized April as Kansas County Government Month and thanked County employees for their service.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired about the definition of a serial meeting.

Mr. Van Parys indicated two commissioners can confer together but when a third commissioner is introduced it is considered a meeting. He indicated if someone from the public wishes to meet with a commissioner, that commissioner must make sure the individual has not met with other commissioners about the same subject making it a serial meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired if the Board should invite state representatives to give an update about what is going on in session.

Mr. Loughry gave a brief update on the bills being passed or considered in legislation in regards to property taxes.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 5, 2023 as presented.***

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

Bill Noll requested authority to award a contract commitment of funds for a KDOT project for bridge ST-100.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to award the contract commit to funds for KDOT bridge project replacement grant for bridge ST-100 on Fairmount Road.***

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

Chip Demoss spoke on behalf of the applicant of Whiskey Ridge Event Center.

Mr. Loughry provided a brief review of the background of the special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Resolution 2023-4 with a change in the resolution as a private firetruck with off duty firefighters and strike the township fire department as being fire watch.***

Mr. Van Parys iterated the motion should be stated as the conditional approval of Resolution 2023-4 as subject to the conditions set forth therein.

Commissioner Doug Smith withdrew his motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2023-4 and strike the township fire department and use private fire truck and certified off duty fire fighters until said time the applicant can install sprinklers by the end of 2023.***

Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Mike Smith withdrew their motions.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to table Resolution 2023-4 for one week.***

***Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Culbertson abstained.***

Resolution 2023-6 and an interlocal agreement was presented for the formation of Fire District #2.

Eric Weslander spoke on behalf of the formation of Fire District #2.

No action was taken on the resolution or interlocal agreement.

Mr. Loughry reached out to the cities regarding scheduling joint work sessions.

Commissioners Doug Smith and Kaaz attended Keith Rickard's retirement ceremony at the Guidance Center. They both will attend a JCAB meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Stieben attended the Tonganoxie City Council meeting. He also attended a KDHE meeting for a local farmer.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Easton City Council meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting. He met with the County insurance attorney to schedule the engineer inspection for Flatlands.

Commissioner Mike Smith will attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 4<sup>th</sup> and Eisenhower project with the city of Leavenworth on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kaaz attended a transportation meeting for the city of Leavenworth and will attend a KCATA meeting on Tuesday. She announced she has relocated her office to the Cushing Building.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn.***  
***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 10:44 a.m.