

*****May 15, 2024*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, May 15, 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; Roger Marrs, Tax Counselor; TerriLois Mashburn, Register of Deeds; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Chuck Magaha, Emergency Management Director; George Brajkovic, Tonganoxie City Manager; David Frese, Mayor of Tonganoxie; Ann Krstulic, Attorney; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson read a proclamation for National Police Week and recognized National Peace Officer week as well.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported that Kansas retirement is increasing inquiring how that will impact the County's budget.

Mark Loughry briefed the Board.

Mr. Loughry requested direction from the Board on how they wish to appoint a member to the Northeast Kansas Library System.

It was the consensus to advertise on the County website and Facebook page.

Commissioner Kaaz received a request from the fire district #1 board of trustees for a meeting with the Board.

Direction was given to staff to reach out to the board of trustees to get their questions and topics then schedule a work session.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about an appointment to the Reno Township.

Mr. Loughry indicated he will check with the Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Roger Marrs requested approval of Board Order 2024-5, initiating tax counsel to proceed with the tax sale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve Board Order 2024-5, directing tax counsel to initiate judicial tax lien foreclosure proceedings.

Motion passed, 5-0.

TerriLois Mashburn requested a letter of support for the Frontier Museum of US Army Foundation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve a letter of support for the Frontier Museum of US Army Foundation.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie VanHouten requested matching funds for the \$550,000 BJAFY24 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve matching funds for the \$550,000 BJAFY24 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of bid pricing from VLP Equipment for the lease of a new 2024 Case skid steer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve bid pricing from VLP Equipment for the lease of a new 2024 Case skid steer.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A request for annexation by the city of Tonganoxie was presented in Resolution 2-24-1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to continue for 30 days and work out details of who will be involved in those discussions.

Motion was amended to reflect a date of June 12th.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Chuck Magaha updated the Board about weather response.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting, KCATA meeting and the mental health task force meeting.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:52 a.m.