

*****May 17, 2023*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, May 17, 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; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, John Wagner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry reported he and Commissioner Kaaz have been invited to an announcement at Arrowhead Stadium tomorrow.

Mr. Loughry announced the Council on Aging received the Spirit of Humanitarianism award in the organization division from the Leavenworth County Human Services Council.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired about Mr. Loughry's numbers regarding the number of veteran's in Leavenworth County for the veteran's exemptions.

Mr. Loughry reported he refined the data as he received more detail indicating the cost is likely more and not less. He also indicated he did not manipulate the numbers but used the data that was there.

Commissioner Stieben indicated he was contacted by constituents that live on Kansas Avenue that are complaining about the speed with the traffic from Hill's Pet Nutrition.

Mr. Loughry indicated it would be appropriate to have staff adjust the speed limit according to statutes and local resolutions states.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to give staff direction to adjust the speed limit on that segment of roadway.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson requested a consensus of the Board to direct staff to research which law firm should the County retain to sue the State of Kansas for not following the law in returning the LAVTR funds to local governments.

It was the consensus of the Board to follow through with Commissioner Culbertson's request.

Commissioner Stieben inquired about the engineering reports on Flatlands.

David Van Parys stated the engineering analysis of the inspection report is anticipated within the next 8 weeks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Aaron Yoakam requested to approve a continued agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for natural gas services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve a continued agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for natural gas services.

Motion passed, 5-0.

John Wagner commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Stieben reported Senator Tyson will be speaking at a Republican town hall meeting will be held on June 5. He held a town hall meeting last Thursday in Linwood to discuss the fire district.

Commissioner Culbertson will be speaking at a Chamber meeting on transportation at the Heritage Center this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the city of Lansing will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the improvements to the ball park at Bernard Park on Monday, May 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He said the VFW will have a rededication of their paver memorials on June 3 at 10:00 a.m. He stated the Board will have a joint meeting with the city of Basehor on May 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Junior ROTC awards banquet, participated in the Transit Authority finance committee meeting and the Leavenworth City Commission meeting. She will be attending a special meeting for the Transit Authority this afternoon. She also congratulated the graduating seniors.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:39 a.m.