

*****June 14, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 14, 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; Linda Scheer, County Clerk's Office; Helen Klinkenberg, Deputy County Clerk; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; David Frese, Mayor of Tonganoxie; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Sherri Grogan, Brad Owens

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kaaz read a proclamation recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

The Board briefly discussed the town hall meeting with Senator Tyson from June 5th.

The Board discussed the traffic on George Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a resolution to amend Leavenworth County Resolution 1998-26 to allow for temporary adjustment to speed limits and signage on Leavenworth County roadways; whereas from time to time it may be necessary to adjust traffic speed and signage on Leavenworth County roads on a temporary basis during road construction and road projects to protect the safety of the traveling public and pedestrians on county roads now therefor be it resolved 1) New section (4) shall be established under the resolved statement of the Leavenworth County Resolution 1998-26: (4) in special circumstances or during road construction projects, County, State or local during which such construction work or projects impacts are potentially impacts the safety of the traveling public or pedestrians using Leavenworth County roadways, temporary speed limits and signage may be established without the need for a traffic study to respond to safety issues in a timely manner. The Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners may act to establish such temporary speed limits and signage. 2) A new section (5) shall be established under the resolved statement of Leavenworth County Resolution 1998-26: (5) Speed limits on the following connecting roads and routes near the KDOT K-16 project shall be immediately reduced to 25 mph and the Public Works Department shall cause signage to be displayed at each intersection to each road and route as much as is practicable on the following connecting roads and routes: George Road, Haigwood Road, Hatchell Road, 242nd Street, 235th Street, 239th Street, 243rd Street, 250th Street, 251st Street, 252nd Street and Kansas Avenue. In addition, the Public Works Department is empowered to place additional signage on other nearby roads as safety conditions dictate during the duration of the KDOT K-16 project. 3) A new section (6) shall be established under the resolved statement of Leavenworth County Resolution 1998-26: (6) Upon certification of the County Administrator in consultation with the Public Works Department that all work on the KDOT K-16 project has been completed the Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners may act to rescind the temporary speed limits and signage.

Motion failed, 2-3 Commissioners Kaaz, Doug Smith and Culbertson voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of County Canvassers.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Helen Klinkenberg updated the Board of the results of the June 8, 2023 mail in ballot for the city of Basehor sales tax question.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to certify the results of the city of Basehor mail in ballot sales tax question.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn as the Board of County Canvassers and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll presented a of disposable equipment to list on PurpleWave.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner to Mike Smith to accept the recommendation as presented to list the equipment on PurpleWave.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioners Mike Smith and Stieben will speak at the League of Women Voters meeting on Saturday at the Leavenworth Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kaaz reminded everyone of the dedication of the lynching monument at the Bethel Church on Friday at 6:30 p.m. along with the Juneteenth celebration this Saturday.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Construction Continues ceremony for the new Basehor City hall this evening at 5:00 p.m. with the city council meeting following.

Commissioner Stieben spoke at the Tonganoxie Community Historical Society about railroads to their history camp.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting. He reported the city of Easton will have fireworks this year. He also met with Representative Pat Proctor to discuss issues such as the Veteran's bill. He will participate in a Zoom meeting to discuss PILOT checks.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:52 a.m.