

\*\*\*\*\*June 7, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 7, 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; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Larry Malbrough, Information Systems Director; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Eric McMillin, Curtis Oroke, Greg Kaaz, John Callaghan

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Mark Loughry announced the County received cost share funds for the 235<sup>th</sup> Street project.

The Board briefly discussed the K-16 and George Road detours.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to close George Road at K-16 for 30 days, the Public Works director, the Sheriff and County staff sit down and talks about what the speed limit is going to be or if any road work needs done on the road and then re-evaluate the situation in order to protect the safety, public health and welfare of the residents of that area as per the petitions that I have been presented with.***

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Direction was given to staff to bring back a traffic count and the number of citations written or number of stops on George Road.

Commissioner Doug Smith clarified the survey sent out by Commissioner Stieben was not on behalf of the Board but by Commissioner Stieben only.

Connie Harmon requested acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$62,993.00 to aid in any budget shortfall in the nutrition program.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Connie signing the application for funding.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 as presented.***

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

Larry Malbrough requested approval of amendments to the acceptable use policy.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the amendments to the acceptable use policy for the Information Systems Department.***

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

Jamie VanHouten requested approval to establish a cognitive program facilitator utilizing the opiate settlement funding.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Community Corrections to utilize opioid settlement funding from Municipalities Fighting Addiction Fund to establish a cognitive program facilitator.***

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

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2023-11, a request for a special use permit for a soil borrow site for Lexeco.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Resolution 2023-11, a request for a special use permit for soil borrow site and clean rubble landfill for Lexeco.***

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

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2023-12, a request for a special use permit for Horses and Heroes.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2023-12, a request for a special use permit for Horses and Heroes, Inc.***

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

Bill Noll requested approval of the construction contract for the E-48 bridge replacement project with Dondlinger Construction.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the construction contract for E-48 bridge replacement project from Dondlinger Construction.***

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

Mr. Noll requested to accept the HRRR program awards for Tonganoxie Road safety improvement project.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the High- Risk Rural Roads program award for Tonganoxie Road safety project for year 2025 and approve the project programming request form.***

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

Commissioner Culbertson presented a resolution for high pressure natural gas lines.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2023-13, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Leavenworth, Kansas pursuant to the home rule powers granted them by the provisions of K.S.A. 19-101 and 19-101a, adopting certain regulations regarding high pressure natural gas pipelines located within Leavenworth County.***

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

Eric McMillin, John Callaghan and Curtis Oroke commented on non-agenda items.

The Board attended a town hall on June 5<sup>th</sup> with Senator Tyson.

Commissioner Stieben will be attending the Juneteenth celebration at Haymarket Square.

Commissioner Kaaz mentioned as part of the Juneteenth celebration a video will be presented at the Richard Allen Cultural Center that afternoon of the Buffalo Soldiers. She also reported the evening before will be a plaque placed in dedication to a lynching at the Richard Allen Cultural Center.

Commissioner Stieben will be speaking at the Tonganoxie Historical Society tomorrow.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the VFW dedication at Bernard Park.

Commissioner Kaaz reported the Leavenworth Historical Society will hold a fundraiser on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Riverfront Community Center.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Final Approved