

*****July 12, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; David Frese, Mayor of Tonganoxie; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Eric McMillin, Kris Roberts

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric McMillin commented on an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

David Van Parys reported he met with the Court to discuss enforcement on codes cases.

Mr. Van Parys reported two litigation cases involving the County have been dismissed.

Commissioner Doug Smith indicated a meeting with surrounding counties through MARC will take place on July 25th. He also stated a meeting will be held via Zoom through KAC regarding LAVTR on July 27th.

Commissioner Doug Smith requested the check register be removed from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 12, 2023 as presented minus the check registry.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the check registry of the consent agenda.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Doug Smith abstained.

Mark Loughry presented funding requests from local historical societies and museums.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the funding requests from local historical societies and museums as distributed by the Clerk.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Doug Smith voting nay.

Janet Klasinski presented Resolution 2023-18, levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for tax year 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2023-18, levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for tax year 2023.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Stieben voting nay.

Ms. Klasinski presented Resolution 2023-19, levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Special-Other Funds for tax year 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2023-19, levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Special-Other Funds for tax year 2023.

Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Stieben voting nay.

Bill Noll presented an agreement with KDOT for Federal Safe Streets for all match requirement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve an agreement with KDOT for Federal Safe Streets for All in awarded 80/20 federal safety plan grant

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a policy for employee short-term disability insurance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve a policy for providing County provided short-term disability insurance for all eligible employees.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an amendment to the insurance opt-out policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve an amendment to the insurance opt-out policy placing a cap on the maximum payout amount.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding George Road.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to draft a letter to KDOT that upon completion of the K-16 project requesting additional assistance in bringing George Road back up to where it was.

Commissioner Culbertson met with a firm to discuss getting PILOT checks from the federal government.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting. Next week she will attend a transportation authority meeting and the International Student's Honorary Citizen's Day.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting this evening.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:04 a.m.