

*****July 15, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Reid by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Anne Marie Yatsula, Assistant County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

Fran Keppler updated the Board on early voting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tyler Carpenter, Terry Abell, Dee Karleskint, Kim Colvert and Jim Karleskint commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben inquired about evening meetings to be placed on the agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to have every other meeting an evening meeting.

Motion dies for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to have a meeting in the evening down south in Tonganoxie for a discussion on the agenda.

Motion failed, 2-3 Commissioners Dove, Reid and Culbertson voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to add the discussion of data center moratorium extension to the agenda.

Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioners Dove and Reid voting nay.

Commissioner Reid is attending summit in Topeka where there is discussion on data centers and will report information back to the Board.

Commissioner Dove will be attending the National Association of Counties conference that includes sessions on data centers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Anne Marie Yatsula presented a notice to withdraw from KERIT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a notice to the KERIT Board of Trustees of Leavenworth County's intent to withdraw as a member effective December 1, 2026.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll presented the closing agreement with the FHA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the closing agreement with the Federal Highway Administration for the Leavenworth County Safe Streets for All planning grant.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry gave the Board an overview of the 2027 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to notify the county clerk general overall mill levy to intend to stay revenue neutral.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to notify the county clerk to intend to stay revenue neutral for special funds.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Robert Owens commented.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:52 a.m.