

\*\*\*\*\*July 19, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 19, 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; Andy Dedeke, Leavenworth County Sheriff; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Joe Herring,

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry clarified misinformation regarding the costs of the Cushing Building.

Commissioner Doug Smith referenced an article in the AARP magazine about accessory dwellings.

Commissioner Doug Smith inquired about a work session or meeting with developers.

Commissioner Culbertson mentioned the Leavenworth County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Commissioner Stieben spoke about the bio-gas plant indicating he is seeking a legal opinion from staff as to if the County Commission will be involved.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 19, 2023 as presented.***

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

Andy Dedeke requested acceptance of the Edward Byrne 2023 JAG grant.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept and authorize the chairman to sign the Edward Byrne 2023 JAG grant.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to move that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of potential litigation involving the legal interests of the County as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel for the Board which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that Board resume in open meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Culbertson, Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Mike Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys and County Administrator Mark Loughry and others that may be called by the Board.***

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

The Board has returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Mike Smith will attend a ribbon-cutting for Spectrum on Thursday.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the International Officer's Honorary Citizen's Day. She also attended a Transit Authority meeting, the Leavenworth City Commission meeting and the LCDC meeting. She will also participate in the NEK-CAP meeting.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting and Pat Morey's retirement celebration.

Commissioner Stieben went to the Springdale cemetery and indicated the Boy Scouts will be working on documenting graves.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Final Approved