

\*\*\*\*\*July 24, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging; Monica Swigart, Human Resources Director; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commission

Residents: Joe Herring, Jim and Julie Downes, Norma Brockenberry, Aurelio Haro

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

David Van Parys reported that Rural Water #6 has signed the agreement regarding future relocation projects.

Commissioner Doug Smith requested an executive session.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the agreement with Rural Water District #6 for waterline relocations.***

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

Commissioner Stieben requested as a courtesy that Public Works mow along the roadway before the Fair.

Commissioner Mike Smith indicated it's time for the County Administrator's evaluation.

Commissioner Culbertson spoke about the city of Leavenworth and the county's Transfer Station.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 24, 2024.***

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

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-24-059, a request for a temporary special use permit for a rodeo event.

Commissioner Culbertson opened the public hearing.

Julie Downes spoke in opposition.

Joe Herring spoke about the site plan.

Aurelio Haro spoke in favor.

Jim Downes spoke in opposition.

Norma Brockenberry spoke in favor.

Commissioner Culbertson closed the public hearing.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to adopt the temporary special use permit with one addition that there will be no alcohol or cereal malt beverages permitted at this site.***

***Motion dies for a lack of a second.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Case DEV-24-059, a temporary special use permit for a rodeo event on Cantrell Road with the striking of there will be no camping.***

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

Monica Swigart presented the quarterly report for Human Resources.

Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Grounds.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for the discussion of subjects involving the legal interests of the County and confidential matters related to pending litigation as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) for consultation with legal counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that Board resume open meeting 11:00 a.m. in the Board meeting room. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Mike Smith, Doug Smith and Mike Stieben, Senior County Counselor David Van Parys, County Counselor Misty Brown and County Administrator Mark Loughry.***

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

The Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No decisions were made and the discussion was limited to the legal interests of the County.

The Board briefly discussed budget and local representation.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting and the Fairmount Township meeting.

Commissioner Stieben will hold a town hall meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Tonganoxie Public Library.

Commissioner Kaaz participated in the NEK-CAP Board of Directors meeting and the Workforce Partnership meeting. She will also attend the Transit Authority meeting later this afternoon. She acknowledged the passing of Florence Larkin.

Commissioner Mike Smith reported the Lansing City Hall is experiencing roof problems and are conducting business at the library.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 11:16 a.m.