

*****August 11, 2021 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Bob Weber, Leavenworth County Appraiser; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: AW Himpel, John Matthews, Dennis Taylor, Joe Herring

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that the Board adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners to convene as the Board of Canvassers.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Janet Klasinski updated the Board on the results from the August 3, 2021 election and the manual audit. She recommended 10 qualified provisional votes be counted before the certification.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn as the Board of Canvassers for the August 3rd primary election and return to regular session.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry reported one proposal was submitted for the Comprehensive Traffic Analysis.

It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the other contractors to see if accommodations could be made within the guidelines of KDOT and MARC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and return to the Board of County Canvassers to certify the August 3rd election 2021.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Klasinski indicated the 10 provisional votes did not make a difference in either race.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to certify the 2021 Primary Election for the USD#469 Board of Education and the city of Leavenworth Commission.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn as the Board of Canvassers and return to regular session as the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if a letter should be written to the redistricting committee in support of Leavenworth County having its own senatorial district.

It was the consensus of the Board to have staff draft a letter after the census numbers are out and after more discussion.

Commissioner Doug Smith mentioned an email that was received regarding the trailer park in Tonganoxie accommodating RV's for the workers that will be constructing the Hill's dog food Plant.

Mr. Loughry indicated the process is in play to make the changes required which should be ready in 45 days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll presented an agreement with KDOT for the High-Risk Rural Roads project on Tonganoxie Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the agreement with KDOT for the High-Risk Rural Roads for the Tonganoxie Road safety improvement project.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bob Weber requested approval of Board Order 2021-3, granting tax abatement for two properties destroyed by fire.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to approve the disaster tax relief abatement for the two homes destroyed by fire tax I.D. 1-00210 and 1-0064 with Board Order 2021-3.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon requested approval to enter into a contract with Terry Booker for catering and nutritional services for the Meals on Wheels program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve a contract between Council on Aging and Terry Booker for the nutrition services and catering for fiscal year 2022-2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Weber presented the quarterly report for the County Appraiser's office.

Ms. Harmon presented the quarterly report for the Council on Aging.

Commissioner Stieben attended the International Student's Day at the Riverfront Community Center yesterday. He and Commissioner Mike Smith met with a rep from Atmos Energy.

Commissioner Culbertson will attend the Easton Township meeting Thursday evening. He will also be meeting with the Mayor of Basehor and Lansing to tour each city.

Commissioner Kaaz participated in the Leavenworth City Commission last night and will participate in the LCDC meeting tomorrow. She will also be attending the redistricting meeting Friday morning and participated in a Workforce Development zoom meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith attended the Lansing City Council meeting and spoke at the International Student's Day yesterday.

Commissioner Doug Smith will attend the Basehor City Council meeting tonight and reported a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday for the new elementary school in Basehor.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn.
Motion passed, 5-0.*

The Board adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Final Approved