

*****August 16, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 16, 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; Misty Brown, Deputy County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Jamie Miller, EMS Director; Sonya Murphy, Extension Office; Trent Peter, Extension Office; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: John Matthews, Greg Kaaz

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben inquired if any elected official has implemented substantial adjustments to salaries since the budget process.

Mark Loughry answered yes.

Commissioner Culbertson inquired about adding reflective tabs to the roads that were newly chip and sealed.

Bill Noll explained the process of the reflective tabs indicating the striping will start next week.

Commissioner Doug Smith asked if the funding of the court appointed attorney's come out of the County Counselor's budget.

David Van Parys indicated that the fees are paid out of his budget.

Commissioner Doug Smith requested the check registry 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, August 16, 2023 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 section of the consent agenda.

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

Sonya Murphy and Trent Peter presented the 2024 Leavenworth County Extension Office budget for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the 2024 budget for the Leavenworth County Extension Office.

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

Connie Harmon requested approval of a contract with Basehor United Methodist Church for a dining center.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve a contract with Council on Aging and the Basehor United Methodist Church for a dining center.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mr. Van Parys presented an agreement with EMS and Saint John Hospital for on campus transports.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve an agreement with EMS and Saint John Hospital for on campus transports.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

Mark Loughry presented a policy for funding for outside agencies.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the outside agency funding policy.
Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioners Kaaz and Doug Smith voting nay.***

Bill Noll requested to allow Public Works to accept 178th Street and Stillwell Road as recommended.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to direct staff to work with Olsson to do an inspection and make a suggestion if any, on what it would take to accept that roadway at the expense of the contractor or the developer.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

Jeff McKerrow with Kimley-Horn presented the regional capital improvement plan.

Mr. Noll requested approval of Resolution 2023-21, accepting the progress for priorities regional transportation capital improvements plan.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve Resolution 2023-21, accepting the progress for priorities regional transportation capital improvements plan.
Motion passed, 5-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that this 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 open meeting at 10:55 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 returned to regular session at 10:55 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to legal matters of the County.

Commissioner Stieben met with Jake LaTurner and he will speak at the Elephant Club tomorrow evening.

Commissioner Culbertson will be scheduling a meeting with Jake LaTurner. He will also be meeting with Representative Buehler.

Commissioner Mike Smith met with Lansing city manager Tim Vandall and indicated he will be presenting information on LAVTR to the Lansing City Council. He reminded the Board the County Administrator's evaluation is due next Wednesday. He indicated the Courthouse participated in city selfie day on Tuesday.

Commissioner Kaaz met with Jake LaTurner through the KCATA and participated in the finance committee meeting for the KCATA. She attended the Port Authority meeting yesterday.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting. He will attend the Kansas Livestock Association event on Saturday.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Final Approved