

\*\*\*\*\*August 23, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 23, 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; Linda Scheer, County Clerk's Office; Jamie Miller, EMS Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Jamie Miller requested approval of a workforce development grant application for retention and recruitment for public health.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to authorize Mr. Miller to apply for the grant for \$154,000.00.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Commissioner Doug Smith recognized the Leavenworth County Treasurer's audit for scoring highest in the state.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, August 23, as presented.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Resolution 2023-22 levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the tax year of 2023 was presented.

Mark Loughry presented a budget presentation.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to open the public hearing for Resolution 2023-22 and the Leavenworth County Budget.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Mike Mathews, Eric McMillin, Erin Ellsworth, Jeffrey Boddy, John Cash, Paul Cowan, Douglas Palmer, Sherri Grogan, Maddie Waldeck, Tom Trowbridge and Joe Matzeder spoke.

Commissioner Kaaz closed the public hearing.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to reduce the Fair board by \$1,800, the Fair board premium amount reduced by \$2,600.00, reduce the CASA board from \$70,000 to \$50,000 in funding for a \$20,000 reduction, the Alliance Against Family Violence from a \$40,000 to a \$30,000 request for a \$10,000 reduction and reduce the Leavenworth County Port Authority from \$149,000 to \$100,000 which is a \$49,000 reduction for a total reduction in outside agency funding of \$99,600.*

*Motion dies for lack of second.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to reduce the Fair Board by \$18,000 and the Fair Board premium by \$2,600 for a reduction of \$20,600.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to reduce CASA by \$20,000, Alliance by \$10,000 and the Leavenworth County Port Authority by \$49,000 for a total of \$79,000.*

*Motion failed, 3-2 Commissioners Culbertson, Mike Smith and Kaaz voting nay.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to retain the administrative staff of the County Attorney's Office to 25 employees with a savings of \$60,000 and reducing the Sheriff's carryover from \$447,000 by \$200,000 with a total of \$260,000 in savings.*

*Motion dies for a lack of second.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to reduce the overall mill levy by one sixteenth which results in \$62,000 worth of funding reduction to offset the increase in the mill levy in the service roads.*

*Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioners Culbertson and Kaaz voting nay.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that Riverside Resources and Sparrow Clinic that we don't fund them.*

*Motion passed, 3-2 Commissioners Kaaz and Stieben voting nay.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith to cut the Alliance and cut CASA, cut Soil Conservation except for what the State match is and Economic Development. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stieben for purpose of discussion.*

*Motion failed, 4-1, Commissioners Culbertson, Mike Smith, Kaaz and Stieben voting nay.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution 2023-22 levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate.*

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

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve the Leavenworth County budget for 2024 as amended.*

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

Resolution 2023-23, levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the Leavenworth County Special Other Funds budget and the Leavenworth County Special Other Funds budget was presented.

Commissioner Kaaz opened the public hearing.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to open the public hearing for the exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the Leavenworth County Special Other Funds and the Leavenworth County Special Other Funds budget.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Mike Mathews, Eric McMillin, Joe Matzeder and Byron McFee spoke.

Commissioner Kaaz closed the public hearing.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to approve Resolution 2023-23 a resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Special Other Funds budget.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the Leavenworth County Special Other Funds budget for 2024.***

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

Bill Noll presented a supplemental agreement with KDOT for maintenance costs on George Road.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve a supplemental agreement with KDOT for maintenance costs on George Road.***

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

Commissioner Culbertson met with Representative Bueheler to discuss LAVTR, PILOT checks, SCR Bill 1611, Bridge 152 project and House Bill 17. He will also be meeting with Jake LaTurner to discuss the same topics.

Commissioner Mike Smith thanked the Human Resources department during open enrollment and reminded the Board that the evaluation for the County Administrator is due today.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Kansas Livestock Beef Improvement Dinner and the MARC meeting. He will attend the Basehor City Council budget meeting this evening and the Fairmount Township meeting tomorrow night.

Commissioner Stieben met with Jake LaTurner at the Elephant Club. The Property Tax Task Force will meet September 7 at the Tonganoxie Public Library.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Workforce Partnership Board of Directors and CEO meeting yesterday. She also participated in the Guidance Center Advisory Board meeting and a Transit Authority meeting.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:52 a.m.