

*****August 24, 2022 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. 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; Janet Klasinski, County Clerk; Krystal Voth, Planning and Zoning Director; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Dennis Taylor, John Matthews, Louis Klemp, Robert Owens, Wes Baker, Brenda Miller, Linda Huggins, Michael Payton, Joe Matzeder, Richard Faulker Jack Hund, Richard Van Tuyl, Wally Brawner, Tom Trowbridge, Jerry Mason, Cathy and Dan Gilewitch, Dave Landis, Jeff Brandau, Robert Kant, Eric McMillin, George Ninemeyer, Lance Neely

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Kaaz to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Resolution 2022-19, a resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate was presented.

Commissioner Mike Smith opened the public hearing.

Louis Klemp Eric McMillin, Robert Owens, Wes Baker, Brenda Miller, Linda Huggins, Michael Payton, Richard Faulkner, Jeff Brandau, Joe Matzeder, Dave Landis, George Ninemeyer and Lance Neeley spoke.

Commissioner Mike Smith closed the public hearing for Resolution 2022-19.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Resolution 2022-19, a resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Stieben noting nay.

Commissioner Mike Smith opened the public hearing.

The Leavenworth County Funds Budget for 2023 was presented.

Louis Klemp, Eric McMillin, Robert Owens, Linda Huggins and Richard Faulkner spoke.

Commissioner Mike Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben to return this budget back to our County Administrator for him to propose alternatives for us to reduce the budget in a work session and then conduct a future public hearing to at least reduce the mill by one full mill as we had presented to the city of Leavenworth.

Motion dies for lack for a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to reduce the mill levy by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mill.

Motion failed 3-2, Commissioner Culbertson, Kaaz and Doug Smith voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to look at this budget again and have a work session and see where the cuts can be made and come back.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Resolution 2022-20, a resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for Leavenworth County Special Other Funds for 2023 was presented for approval.

Commissioner Mike Smith opened the public hearing.

Eric McMillin and Louis Klemp spoke.

Commissioner Mike Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Resolution 2022-20, a resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the Leavenworth County Special Other Funds for the tax year 2023.

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

Commissioner Mike Smith opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in opposition or in favor.

Commissioner Mike Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to table the Leavenworth County Special Other Funds Budget for 2023.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson attended the MARC meeting yesterday.

Commissioner Kaaz participated in the Workforce Partnership meeting and attended the KCATA meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith met with Jake LaTurner's advisor, Jeff Kahrs.

Commissioner Doug Smith thanked Representative Lance Neely for attending today's meeting. He will attend the Basehor City Council meeting and the Fairmount Township meeting.

Commissioner Stieben spoke with a member from Sherman Township Fire Department. He indicated he is putting together a local property tax taskforce.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:59 a.m.