

\*\*\*\*\*August 30, 2023 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 30, 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; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Joe Herring, John Matthews, Cindy Lynch

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Mark Loughry presented a request from the Veteran's Day Parade Committee to assist in the cost of a porta-a-potty for the parade.

It was the consensus of the Board that each Commissioner will make a donation for the cost of the porta-a-potty.

Commissioner Doug Smith presented a letter from Representative Johnson regarding legislation that he plans to follow through with and inquired of the Board if any changes are needed.

Commissioner Stieben read a letter from Riverside Resources and Sparrow Clinic regarding the funding cut their organizations received.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, August 30, as presented.***

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

Amy Allison presented Case Number DEV-23-109 a temporary special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center.

Commissioner Kaaz opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in oppositions or in favor of the temporary special use permit.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve Case Number DEV-23-109 a temporary special use permit for Whiskey Ridge Event Center.***

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

Connie Harmon requested approval of a MOU with the University of Kansas for continuing education classes for the Leisure and Learning program.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the Council on Aging to enter a memorandum of agreement with the University of Kansas for continuing education classes for the Leisure and Learning program.***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben 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 10:00 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 10:00 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith that this Board recess from open session and go into a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) and to protect the privacy interests of the persons involved and that this Board resume open session in this meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Present in the executive session will be Commissioners Jeff Culbertson, Vicky Kaaz, Doug Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Stieben and County Administrator Mark Loughry.***  
***Motion passed, 5-0.***

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Commissioner Mike Smith will speak to the city of Lansing about LAVTR on September 21 and will also be meeting with Representative Buehler.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council budget meeting and the Fairmount Township budget meeting.

Commissioner Stieben will hold a Property Tax Task force meeting on September 7 at the Tonganoxie Public Library. He will be traveling to Topeka today to visit the Kansas County Commissioners Association to get LAVTR on their lobbyist agenda.

Commissioner Doug Smith mentioned Senator Tyson will be in Basehor on September 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Basehor Library.

Commissioner Kaaz attended the Centennial Bridge open house. She attended the CASA superhero fund raiser event and the LV Arts event.

Commissioner Culbertson will meet with Parkville officials about the 152 bridge and will meet with the Kansas Association of Counties legislative policy committee via Zoom to discuss LAVTR.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:27 a.m.