

*****September 20, 2023 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Commissioner Doug Smith, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Kaaz is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; Edd Hingula, Leavenworth City Commissioner; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Ed and Cindy Irvine

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Mike Smith to have Jeff Culbertson as the temporary chair today.

Motion passed, 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Jeff Culbertson read a proclamation for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Mark Loughry indicated the city of Leavenworth voted to not support CoreCivic and read a letter from the city voicing their concerns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that Leavenworth County immediately stop negotiations with CoreCivic and ICE for the purpose of serving as a party to an agreement and also not to hold illegal immigrants or any immigrants for purpose at this time.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Culbertson read a letter he wrote about LAVTR taking information from the Kansas Association of Counties and asked the Commission for changes or additions to the letter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ed Irvine and Steve Vernon commented on a non-agenda item.

Commissioner Stieben held a meet and greet in Tonganoxie. He attended Tongie Days, the Leavenworth Women's Club meeting and the Property Tax Task force meeting. He will hold an Elephant Club meeting this Thursday. On October 5, he will tour a c&d landfill in Olathe with Commissioner Culbertson.

Commissioner Culbertson mentioned the Little Stranger Pie Social will be Saturday, September 23rd. He also attended the Leavenworth City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mike Smith met with Representative Buehler and will speak at the Lansing City Council meeting regarding LAVTR.

Commissioner Doug Smith attended the Basehor City Council meeting, the LCDC meeting and Senator Tyson's presentation.

Bill Noll spoke about a cost share grant with the city of Lansing for a bridge replacement and asked for a letter of support for the grant.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to draft the letter of support.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Final Approved