******February 7, 2024 ******

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Kaaz, Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; David Van Parys, Senior County Counselor; John Richmeier, Leavenworth Times

Residents: Louis Klemp

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louis Klemp commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mark Loughry presented a letter to the Board regarding the border crisis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the letter as amended and submit it to our elected officials.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an updated mileage reimbursement policy.

It was the consensus of the Board to draft a policy based on option B.

Commissioner Stieben inquired when an update will be presented for Flatlands.

David Van Parys indicated there was not a date certain set, but anticipated an update by the end of February.

Commissioner Stieben reported Riley County will be presented a bill regarding a nuisance abatement act and inquired if Leavenworth County would like to join in on.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaaz and seconded by Commissioner Mike Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to appoint Lois Meadows as a non-lawyer member of the Judicial Nominating Committee.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Mike Smith will attend the retirement ceremony for Scarlet Ross on Friday at the Council on Aging.

Commissioner Doug Smith reported the livestock buyer's annual fundraiser will be held on February 24.

Commissioner Stieben met with a representative from Representative Jake Laturner's office and the Public Works Director about congressionally appropriating funding. He also submitted testimony on Senate Bill 349.

Commissioners Kaaz and Stieben will attend the NACO 2024 Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. on February 9 through February 13.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

