



Atchison County Commission Meeting

Emergency Operations Center

10443 US Hwy 59

Atchison, KS 66002

October 12, 2021

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Starting at 1:00 pm

Chairman Jack Bower, 1st District

Commissioner Eric Noll, 2nd District

Commissioner Casey Quinn, 3rd District

1. 1:00 P.M. ZOOM MEETING ID # 849 5770 8767
2. Call To Order
The County Commission is called to order by the Chairman
3. Pledge Of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. Reading And Approval Of Minutes
Approval of Minutes from Last commission meeting
- 5.1. Approved 10/12/2021 Atchison County Commission Meeting Minutes
Documents:
[10-12-2021.PDF](#)
6. Commissioner Comments And Committee Reports
7. Reports Of Elected Officials And Department Heads
8. New Business Before The Board
- 8.1. Joe Snyder, Road & Bridge Superintendent
Purchase Order Approval to Steve Marlatt Construction, Inc.
9. Old Or Unfinished Business Before The Board
10. County Counselor Updates
11. Executive Sessions (Time Reserved For Executive Sessions)
12. Presentation And Approval Of Claims
13. Presentation Of Petitions, Memorials, And Remonstrances

14. Introduction And Consideration Of Resolutions

15. Notices And Communications

16. Public Comment

17. Adjournment

18. Zoom Details

Atchison County will be limiting public access to all Atchison County departments and offices to take preventative measures designed to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus illness. We are making arrangements to adjust services to be in the best interest of the employees and citizens of Atchison County and following the interim guidance as provided by KDHE and the CDC. The Atchison County Board of County Commission meetings will be utilizing Zoom to meet the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Members of the public can connect to the meetings via smart phone, or computer connections. The meeting ID number will be listed on the corresponding agenda. Members of the public can attend the BOCC meeting in-person; however, we urge and encourage all citizens to take active steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you have any symptoms similar to the flu, including fever, cough or shortness of breath, please do not attend until symptoms have subsided and you have been fever-free for 24 hours.

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 1:00 PM at the Emergency Operations Center, 10443 US Hwy 59 Atchison, KS. A link to the meeting was made available to the public prior to the meeting. In addition, public attendance was available for the Commission meeting at the Emergency Operations Center, 10443 US Hwy 59 Atchison. Chairman Jack Bower called the meeting to order with Commissioner Eric Noll, Commissioner Casey Quinn, and County Counselor Patrick Henderson present for the meeting. County Clerk Michelle Phillips recorded the minutes.

The Board recited the pledge of allegiance to start the meeting.

***Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

***Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Commissioner Quinn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

***Commissioner Comments and Committee Reports**

Chairman Bower gave an update for a couple of the scheduled meetings. The work session and afternoon meeting scheduled for October 19, 2021, will be cancelled due to the Kansas Association of Counties Conference. There will be multiple department heads attending the conference. The Chairman will call a special meeting for Thursday, October 21, 2021, if needed. Deadline for meeting request from department heads will be Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

The scheduled work session and meeting for November 2, 2021 will be moved due to the 2022 General City-School Election to Thursday, November 4, 2021. Deadline for agenda items will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Commissioner Quinn mentioned that there was discussion on the sales tax during the work session and she felt that the citizens of Atchison County as a whole need to reach out to their commissioners, both city and county to encourage them to take some action on the sales tax to come together and formulate an interlocal agreement that will be good for all the citizens of Atchison County. Commissioner Quinn expressed hope that there can be a larger meeting open to the public, similar to a town hall meeting, in the future for all citizens.

Commissioner Noll stated he was elected President of the NEK Area Agency on Aging. He was very honored, and mentioned that it would take extra work due to the

effects COVID-19 had on the agency and the programs it offers like the transportation, and meals on wheels programs.

***New Business Before the Board:**

Atchison County was awarded the Kansas Historical Preservation Grant for the portico roof replacements at the Courthouse. Trevor Tuff, Mo-Kan Regional, provided information that the sealed bid request proposed by the County were approved by the grant organization. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve the sealed bid request and get them out for bid. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. The sealed bids will be opened during the open meeting on October 26, 2021.

The Board received a nomination for County Weed Supervisor of Kimberly Glover. Ms. Glover has met all the requirements and been awarded the Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification under the Kansas Pesticide Law. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to accept Kimberly Glover as the nomination for County Weed Supervisor. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. The Commissioners wanted to congratulate Kimberly and Benny Taylor for putting forth the effort and getting their certificates. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board was presented a purchase order from the Maintenance Department for restoring approximately 700 square feet of the façade of the Health Department Building on Commercial Street. The purchase order was made payable to R Brooks Plastering LLC of St Joseph, Missouri in the amount of \$6,300.00. Commissioner Noll made the motion to approve the purchase order. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Commissioner Noll mentioned that since the building was owned by a government entity, we could not apply for the grant offered to repair the façade from the removal of the mall awnings. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

***County Counselor Updates:**

Counselor Henderson told the Board that the published hearings for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan were ongoing. Commissioner Noll offered to attend meetings when multiple entities have hearings set at the same time.

Counselor Henderson mentioned that the tax sale petition should be filed this afternoon.

***Executive Session**

Commissioner Noll moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 1:12 pm to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1), and that the purpose of the closed session is to protect the privacy rights of the employee, and that the Board come out of the executive session at 1:42 pm, on the Zoom platform and at the Emergency Operations Center, 10443 US Hwy

59. Those present will be: the Commissioners, Counselor Henderson, and Jodi Moore, HR Director. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

There was no action taken during the executive session.

***Executive Session**

Commissioner Noll moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 1:43 pm to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1), and that the purpose of the closed session is to protect the privacy rights of the employee, and that the Board come out of the executive session at 1:53 pm, on the Zoom platform and at the Emergency Operations Center, 10443 US Hwy 59. Those present will be: the Commissioners, Counselor Henderson, and Jodi Moore, HR. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

There was no action taken during the executive session.

***Public Comment:**

Spencer Taylor appeared before the Board via the Zoom platform. Mr. Taylor told the Board that Maur Hill Mount Academy had one positive COVID-19 case and that the school was directed by the Health Department to close the school down for one week, or test the students every day. He asked if the Board supported the order that was passed down from the Health Department. Commissioner Noll mentioned that this was the first he has heard of the issue, but would reach out to the NEK Multi-County Health Department Director. He will pass his findings along to Mr. Taylor, and Mark Jirak who was also present on the Zoom platform.

Add, abate, escapes for real estate and personal property taxes were presented to be approved.

Commissioner Noll made the motion to adjourn at 1:59 pm. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

*Note: Once approved these minutes will be the official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners. Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are video-recorded. The video of these meeting is generally available for supplementation of the minutes. The videos can be located under the Government tab at www.atchisoncountyks.org.

Attest: Michelle Phillips, County Clerk