



Atchison County Commission Meeting

Atchison County Courthouse  
423 North 5th St  
Atchison, Kansas 66002  
May 4, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Jack Bower, 1st District

Commissioner Eric Noll, 2nd District

Commissioner Casey Quinn, 3rd District

1. 1:00 P.M. ZOOM MEETING ID # 955 2103 1919
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. 04/27/2021 Atchison County Commission Meeting Minutes  
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Documents:  
  
[04-27-2021.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  
Micro-Surfacing Project Bid Opening
- 8.2. Joe Snyder, Road & Bridge Superintendent  
Chip and Seal Purchase Order Approval
- 8.3. Donald Bratton, Atchison Juneteenth

2022 Budget Request

8.4. Jim Rowland, Atchison Chamber Of Commerce  
2022 Budget Request

8.5. Steve Caplinger, Atchison County Historical Society  
2022 Budget Request

8.6. Tiffany Hoffman, Atchison County Conservation District  
2022 Budget Request

9. Old Or Unfinished Business Before The Board

10. County Counselor Updates

10.1. Agreement To Purchase Right Of Way

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, April 27, 2021**

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 1:00 PM on the 1st floor of the courthouse, 423 N 5<sup>th</sup> St. 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 via the Zoom platform by visiting the Clerk's Office on the 1st floor of the courthouse, 423 N 5<sup>th</sup> St., Atchison. Chairman Jack Bower called the meeting to order with Commissioner Eric Noll and Commissioner Casey Quinn present for the meeting. County Counselor Patrick Henderson was absent from the meeting. County Clerk Michelle Phillips recorded the minutes.

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

### **\*Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

### **\*Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the March 25, 2021 Joint Cities/County meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. The minutes were recently approved by the Atchison City Commission. Commissioner Quinn made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote. The motion passed 3-0.

Minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Commissioner Noll made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote. The motion passed 3-0.

### **\*Commissioner Comments and Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Quinn mentioned that she was at the Atchison Senior Village over the weekend and things looked like they were going good there. She is looking forward to budget season.

Commissioner Noll stated that he attended a special meeting with the Area Agency on Aging on Monday. They found an opportunity for getting tax credits on a new building project they have been working on.

Commissioner Noll urged everyone to reach out and get their COVID-19 vaccines.

### **\*New Business Before the Board:**

Shelly Nelson, Community Corrections Supervisor, appeared before the Board on the Zoom Platform to seek approval for the FY22 Budget and Comp Plan. Supervisor Nelson told the Board that the funds for Community Corrections come from the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) and is not from the County. Grants must be written

each year to get the funding from the KDOC. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the documents for approval. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board received a request from the Atchison Sports Activities and Fitness, Inc. in regards to disbursement of the quarterly maintenance fees in the amount of \$10,000.00, for the Sports Complex facilities located in Atchison. The Board also received a request from USD # 377 in regards to disbursement of the quarterly maintenance fees in the amount of \$2,500.00, for the Sports Complex facilities located in Effingham. Commissioner Noll moved to approve the maintenance fee disbursements for a total of \$12,500.00 by allowing the Chairman to sign the document. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Wes Lanter, Emergency Management/IT Director, presented the Board with a purchase order payable to Blue Valley Public Safety, in the amount of \$5,123.00. This would be for replacement batteries on 7 siren towers. Siren numbers 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 & 15. Director Lanter told the Board that the normal replacement cycle is for 4 replacement batteries per year; however, this was not completed in 2020 due to holding off expenses because of COVID-19. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the purchase order. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Bowen appeared before the Board with a stone design for the Atchison County Combat Wounded Veterans. Ms. Bowen told the Board that she was on the Park Board when the Veteran's Memorial Park at the Riverfront was dedicated, and mentioned she would like this stone to be created then added there. The stone would be in honor of all Atchison County veteran's that came home with disabilities including PTSD. Ms. Bowen told the Board that she was going to talk to the City of Atchison Commissioners next Monday at their meeting to ask them for partial funding, as well as, being able to place the stone at the park. The Board held discussion about having more community support for the project. There is an account set up at Byrd Memorial for anyone who would want to donate. Ms. Bowen mentioned that the stone could be bigger if there were more donations.

Jeff Schuele, Executive Director of Live Well, Live Atchison, appeared before the Board on the Zoom platform with a presentation on updates for Live Well, Live Atchison, along with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2021 County Health Rankings. Mr. Schuele told the Board about the Atchison County Block Party trailer. The trailer is equipped with a barbeque grill, games, physical activities and picnic tables designed to help host a block party. It has been used for school after prom activities by two of the local schools.

Mr. Schuele told the Board that at Live Well, Live Atchison's conception, Atchison County was ranked the lowest of the state. The Board has been very active focusing on offering the County citizens tobacco free parks, trails, adult physical activity, and access to healthy foods, creating an environment in which citizens can lead a healthy lifestyle while living in the community.

Joe Snyder, Road & Bridge Superintendent, appeared on the Zoom platform for a bid opening on a Chip Sealing project for 8 roads. Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, opened the sealed bid that was received. The only bid received was from Vance Brothers, Inc., Kansas City, Mo., with a total bid of \$525,754.24. Superintendent Snyder asked the Board for time to review the bid, and will bring his recommendation back at the May 4, 2021 meeting.

Superintendent Snyder mentioned that the County should hear in mid-May if they will be awarded the grant for 286<sup>th</sup> Road, but he would like to keep looking for alternative ways to help fund the road plan in general.

**\*County Counselor Updates:**

The County Counselor was absent from the meeting.

**\*Public Comment:**

Michael Kuckelman, appeared before the Board via the Zoom platform. He reminded the Board that he was previously on a meeting expressing concern about transparency in government, and asked the Board to consider combining the morning work session with the afternoon meeting. Mr. Kuckelman feels discussion occurs during the morning meeting; therefore, people don't understand the reasons the Boards votes as they do since they don't have the context of the discussion. His concern is a comment that was made during the unrecorded morning session stating that the meeting wasn't a public meeting. Chairman Bower stated that the morning session is a public meeting, but there was no public comment section during the work session.

Bills were presented to be signed.

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

Commissioner Noll made the motion to adjourn at 1:54 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](http://www.atchisoncountyks.org).

Attest: Michelle Phillips, County Clerk