



## Atchison County Commission Meeting

Emergency Operation Center

10443 US Hwy 59

Atchison, KS 66002

September 14, 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 # 851 2044 2136

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. 08/31/2021 Atchison County Commission Meeting Minutes

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Documents:

[08-31-2021.PDF](#)

5.2. 09/07/2021 Atchison County Commission Meeting Minutes

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Documents:

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  
Bid Opening for two 2022 1-Ton Pickups
- 8.2. Wesley Lanter, Emergency Management/IT Director  
Purchase Order Approval for Attic Insulation
- 8.3. Letter Of Support For Funding Of The Guerrier Hill Scenic Overlook
9. Old Or Unfinished Business Before The Board
- 9.1. Anew Healthcare Management, LLC  
Update on Management Agreement with Atchison County
10. County Counselor Updates
- 10.1. Neighborhood Revitalization Program Update
11. Executive Sessions ( Time Reserved For Executive Sessions)
12. Presentation And Approval Of Claims
13. Presentation Of Petitions, Memorials, And Remonstrances
- 13.1. Childhood Cancer Proclamation

Documents:

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**

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**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, August 31, 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 Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

Minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Commissioner Noll made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Commissioner Quinn stated that on Wednesday she had taken part in a staff meeting with Atchison Senior Village staff along with Mark Hastings, Anew Healthcare. On Thursday, she met with constituents that had concerns on the decision to go into contract with Anew Healthcare.

Commissioner Quinn stated she appeared at a meet and greet and luncheon at Elizabeth's with the current Secretary of State, Scott Schwab.

Commissioner Quinn stated has been working with the Road and Bridge Department on some projects.

Commissioner Quinn wanted to thank the County Health Department for putting together a weekly. NEK Multi-County Health Department has a position opening for a "Medical Professional" Board Member and will take letters of interest until September 3, 2021.

Commissioner Quinn wanted to send condolences to the family of Gary Hosier on his passing. He was a heavy equipment operator for our Road & Bridge Department for over 45 years.

Commissioner Noll mentioned that there was a ranking available from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on the COVID-19 cases and vaccine rates.

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

Staci Waggle, Solid Waste Manager, appeared before the Board with a purchase order to replace the North door under the chute which hasn't worked properly for years. The purchase order was made payable to Weaver Overhead Door of St. Joseph, MO, in the amount of \$11,939.00. Commissioner Noll moved to approve the replacement of the door in the amount of \$11,939.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Manager Waggle also presented a purchase order payable to Skyview Equipment of Hiawatha, KS in the amount of \$9,900.00. This will be to purchase a Gravely PT460 Mower to be used at the Effingham site. Commissioner Quinn moved to approve the purchase of the mower in the amount of \$9,900.00. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board was previously presented with a purchase order payable to KHP Partner Program of Topeka, KS, for a 2022 GM Equinox AWD. This vehicle will be purchased by the Appraiser's Department. The purchase will be in the amount of \$22,873.50. Commissioner Noll moved to approve the purchase of the 2022 GM Equinox in the amount of \$22,873.50. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board listened to two presentations in regards to Atchison Senior Village Management. Mid- America Healthcare Consulting Company of Liberty, MO, was represented by Lamont Cook and Michael Hammond. Amberwell Health of Atchison, KS, was represented by Jeff Perry, Dr. Leck, and other support staff.

Commissioner Quinn thanked both companies for appearing and expressed how she wished these conversations would have taken place months ago. Clarification of the process that had taken place with Anew Management was given in which she feels we should continue to address.

Commissioner Noll also thanks both of the companies for their time; however, he didn't feel that this was the correct time to have these discussions.

Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, presented purchase orders for the final payments of the appropriations for the 2021 budget year. The total of the payments will be \$235,290.00. The appropriations were originally approved through the budget process. No motion was needed since there were no changes made.

The Board decided to table discussion on the CDBG Grant.

**\*County Counselor Updates:**

There were no counselor updates.

**\*Executive Session**

Commissioner Noll moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 2:19 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 2:34 pm, in the Emergency Operations Center. Those present will be: the Commissioners; Counselor Henderson; Kim Glover, R&B Office Manager; 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.

**\*Public Comment:**

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 2:35 pm. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

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Attest: Michelle Phillips, County Clerk

## **Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

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### **\*Public Comment**

Chairman Bower read a letter that was sent to him from Renee Porter, Administrator of the Dooley Center; of the impact of Covid-19 and Support of the County Health Department.

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

Minutes of the August 31, 2021 meeting were tabled until September 14, 2021.

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

Commissioner Quinn stated that she had a Solid Waste Management Committee meeting last Thursday, September 2, 2021. Commissioner Quinn obtained feedback on the 2025 Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) projects proposed on August 31, 2021.

Commissioner Quinn stated she received concerns about transparency regarding the publication of the County budget. Commissioner Quinn clarified that the budget hearing was publicized 10 days prior to the budget hearing, per statute.

Commissioner Quinn stated that Covid is out of Atchison Senior Village and residents are happy to be back to pre-Covid activities.

Commissioner Noll stated there is an Atchison County Extension Board meeting tonight at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Noll stated he had a Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging (NEKAAA) last Thursday, September 2, 2021. There will be an opening on the NEKAAA Board and any interested party can submit a letter of interest to the County Clerk.

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

Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, opened bids for Bridge H.1-13.4 Bridge Grading and Backfill on behalf of the Road and Bridge Department. The bids were as follows:

| Name                            | Bid         | Notes   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Steve Marlatt Construction, LLC | \$38,085.00 |   |
| Wagner Excavating LLC           | \$28,462.50 | Deduct \$5,000.00 if brush can be burned on site. |
| Pruett Construction, LLC        | \$27,500.00 |   |
| Martin Construction LLC         | \$14,800.00 |   |

Road and Bridge will review the bids and bring a recommendation back to the Board at a later date.

Kim Glover, Road and Bridge Office Manager, appeared via the Zoom platform to present a purchase order to Wheeler Lumber, for #1 Full RGH Sawm Doug Fir Copper Naphtenate Planks, in the amount of \$7,676.96. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the purchase order to Wheeler Lumber, in the amount of \$7,676.96. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Dominic Eck and Justin Pregont appeared via the Zoom platform for the 1913 LLC Project and Central School Project. The bonds for the 1913 LLC project have matured and the County needs to release that leasehold interest in the County and terminate the bond.

Chairman Bower declared that a quorum was present. There was presented a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ATCHISON COUTY, KANSAS  
AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO 1913, LLC

Commissioner Noll moved that the Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. Chairman Bower declared the Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2021-1486 and was signed by the Commissioners and attested by the County Clerk.

Dominic Eck is asking for a Resolution of Intent to be completed for the Central School Project, declaring an intent to issue industrial revenue bonds.

Chairman Bower declared that a quorum was present. There was presented a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ATCHISON COUTY, KANSAS DETERMINING  
THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING TAXABLE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION  
AND EQUIPPING OF A COMMERCIAL FACILITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY;  
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

Commissioner Noll moved that the Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. Chairman Bower declared the Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then



duly numbered Resolution No. 2021-1487 and was signed by the Commissioners and attested by the County Clerk.

Commissioner Quinn nominated Michelle Phillips as the delegate and Jodi Moore as the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate for the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) voting delegates for the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual KAC Conference and Exhibition. Commissioner Noll seconded the nomination. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Noll explained to the Board that the Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Board had a board opening for a medical professional and that letters of interest were submitted to the County Clerk. County Clerk Michelle Phillips presented 4 letters of interest received prior to the deadline. The interested parties were: Robert Fast, Janean Bowen, Melissa Wolfe, and Margaret Porter. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve Melissa Wolfe for the board opening. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve Dr. Robert Fast. Chairman Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Quinn voting nay.

**\*County Counselor Updates:**

There were no counselor updates.

**\*Executive Session**

Commissioner Noll moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 1:32 pm for consultation with an attorney for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2), and that the purpose of the closed session is to protect confidentiality of the discussion, and that the Board come out of the executive session at 2:32 pm, on the Zoom platform and at the Emergency Operations Center, 10443 US Hwy 59. Those present will be: the Commissioners; Counselor Henderson; and Mark Wilson, Project Manager. 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:**

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 2:32 pm. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

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Attest: Michelle Phillips, County Clerk

# PROCLAMATION

## Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, children are our greatest treasures, and their health and well-being is a priority; among the most distressing health concerns today is the high incidence of childhood cancer, which claims too many precious and promising young lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Childhood cancer spares no one, affecting kids from every background; and

**WHEREAS**, Cancer kills more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and pediatric AIDS combined; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 10,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year; although rare, pediatric cancer is the leading disease related cause of death among children.

**WHEREAS**, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, research has led to more successful forms of treatment and improvements in the quality of life for children coping with cancer and its side effects; and a larger number of long-term survivors now look forward to longer life expectancies, but unfortunately, many still face challenges or complications due to cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the toll that cancer takes on a child and family is unimaginable, and usually causes delayed development in a young patient's life, education and growth, while parents cope with high costs, stress and other difficulties associated with caring for their ill child and entire family, often having to travel or relocate to obtain appropriate treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout this month, we take the opportunity to thank the many dedicated healthcare professionals, organizations and parent advocacy groups that support childhood cancer patients and families by offering advice, encouragement, hope, and financial assistance, and that work tirelessly to lift the spirits of children suffering from cancer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Atchison County Commissioners, Atchison, Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Given under our hand and the Official Seal of the County of Atchison in the State of Kansas, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2021.

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Jack Bower, Chairman

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Eric Noll, Commissioner

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Casey Quinn, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Phillips, County Clerk