

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 1:00 PM at the Atchison County Courthouse, Lower Level, 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 at the Atchison County Courthouse, Lower Level, 423 N 5<sup>th</sup> St., Atchison, KS. Chairman Eric Noll called the meeting to order with Commissioner Casey Quinn, Commissioner Jack Bower, and County Counselor Patrick Henderson present for the meeting. Kalee Vanderweide, Deputy County Election Officer recorded the minutes.

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

**\*Public Comment:**

Chairman Noll read a proclamation for National Public Health Week proclaiming April 4-10, 2022, National Public Health Week 2022. Those in attendance for the proclamation: Sheila Boos, Dr. Fast, Lori Forge, Alyssa Ostertag, and Megan Domann. Commissioner Bower made a motion to approve the National Public Health Week 2022 Proclamation. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Bower thanked all the health officials in the room for their service and thanked everyone in public health. Chairman Noll thanked everyone in public health.

Commissioner Bower made a motion to change the clock tower to green in honor of National Public Health Week 2022. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

### National Public Health Week Proclamation

**Whereas**, the week of April 4-10, 2022, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is "Public Health is Where You Are"; and

**Whereas**, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

**Whereas**, U.S. life expectancy dropped from 2014 to 2017 in the longest sustained decline since the Great Recession and only in 2018 began to increase again; U.S life expectancy then dropped again in 2020 by a full year, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943.

**Whereas**, there is a significant difference in health status, such as obesity, poor mental health and drug use, among people living in rural areas compared with people living in urban areas, and this variance increases because rural residents are often more likely to face social determinants that negatively impact health, such as poverty, transportation barriers and lack of economic opportunity; and

**Whereas**, a person's health status can differ drastically by zip code due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care.

**Whereas**, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as the COVID-19 pandemic, measles, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity; and

**Whereas**, public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role in reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today's disease surveillance and control systems; and

**Whereas**, preventable risk factors such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, tobacco use and excessive alcohol use are leading causes of chronic disease; and 6 in 10 U.S adults have a chronic disease and 4 in 10 have two or more; and chronic diseases cause 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the United States.

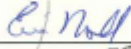
**Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated racial inequities and a growing number of local, state governments and public health leaders have declared racism a public health crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, The Atchison County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us, by the laws of Atchison County and the State of Kansas, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2022, as  
**National Public Health Week 2022**  
in Atchison County, Kansas and call upon the people of Atchison County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year's theme, "Public Health is Where You Are."

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Atchison County, Kansas, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Attest:   
Michelle Phillips, County Clerk



  
Eric Noll, Chairman

  
Jack Bower, Member

  
Casey Quinn, Member

### \*Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the March 29, 2022 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Commissioner Bower made the motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Commissioner Quinn stated the meet and greet for Atchison Senior Village administration on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at Paolucci's went great.

Commissioner Quinn stated she has been receiving follow up from the Sports Complex Town Hall and that Sean Crittendon, with the Mudcats submitted criteria to enable the Mudcats to host tournaments.

Commissioner Quinn stated that she went to Dr. Eplee's Legislative Coffee on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Commissioner Quinn stated that Senate Bill 87 language is finalized with the sunset verbiage taken out and that the state won't intervene.

Commissioner Quinn stated that she is hosting an informal meeting for District 3 commission district, on May 19, 2022. This will be at Elizabeth's at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Noll stated the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall will be holding a 100-year celebration on April 24, 2022, located at the Memorial Hall, 819 Commercial Street. The celebration will run from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, with special guest speaker P.O.W. veteran, Colonel, Leroy Stutz, USAF, Retired.

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

Corey Scott, Emergency Medical Services Director, appeared before the Board with a travel authorization to send an employee to an out-of-state training, in the amount of \$1,318.65. Commissioner Bower made a motion to accept the travel authorization, in the amount of \$1,318.65. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Joe Snyder, Road & Bridge Superintendent, appeared before the Board for the sealed bid opening for Four Re-Cap Tires (2 new, 2 used). One bid was received from Dan Schletzbaum, in the amount of \$600.00. Commissioner Bower made a motion to approve the sealed bid purchase to Dan Schletzbaum, in the amount of \$600.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Snyder appeared before the Board with a purchase order to Vance Brothers, for the County Wide Wedge patching, in the amount of \$55,880.00 and a change order for additional roads, in the amount of \$40,825.00; for a grand total of \$96,705.00. Commissioner Bower made a motion to approve the purchase order to Vance Brothers, in the amount of \$96,705.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Kim Glover, Noxious Weed Director, appeared before the Board with her recommendation to go with Nutrien Solutions for the 2022 Chemical Bid Opening. Director Glover presented a purchase order to Nutrien Solutions, in the amount of \$30,220.28. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the purchase order to Nutrien Solutions, in the amount of \$30,220.28. Commissioner Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Wes Lanter, Emergency Management/IT Director, appeared before the Board with a purchase order to Centurylink, for internet and phone service at 506 Howard in Effingham, Kansas, in the amount of \$2,979.34. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the purchase order to Centurylink, in the amount of \$2,979.34. Commissioner Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bower made a motion to appoint Judd Herbster to fill a general position opening on the Atchison County Community Corrections Advisory Board. Chairman Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

**\*County Counselor Updates:**

There were no County Counselor updates.

**\*Executive Session:**

Commissioner Quinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 1:27 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 1:57 pm, in the commission room, lower level, courthouse. Those present will be: the three commissioners, HR Director Jodi Moore, and County Counselor Patrick Henderson. Commissioner Bower second the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bower made a motion to increase the salary of HR Director Jodi Moore, by \$3,000.00 beginning the next payroll, to earn a salary of \$53,470.04. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

**\*Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

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

Bills were presented to be signed.

Commissioner Bower made the motion to adjourn at 1:58 pm. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll 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: Kalee Vanderweide, Deputy County Election Officer