

Tuesday, March 30, 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 5th 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 5th St., 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:**

Eric Klingele, appeared via Zoom to thank Commissioners for rescinding the mass gathering mandate. He feels it will help all the businesses and restaurants. He hopes that the Board will look closer at rescension of the mask mandate.

Spencer Taylor, appeared before the Board with appreciation of the mass gathering rescension and hopes that the Board will look into the mask mandates. He spoke to the Board of

***Commissioner Comments and Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Noll stated that he has an Area Agency on Aging meeting scheduled for April 1, 2021. This meeting will be held on the Zoom platform.

Commissioner Quinn wanted to thank Eric and Spencer for their comments.

Commissioner Quinn mentioned that the joint Cities/County meeting was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021. All but one of the cities were represented. Commission Quinn felt that she received good feedback and hopes to plan similar meeting approximately every 6 months. This will be a good time frame since the Neighborhood Revitalization Program is up for renewal in October 2021.

Commissioner Quinn told the Board that she attended a luncheon in Atchison honoring Jake LaTurner.

Commissioner Quinn mentioned that the Tax Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 starting at 10:00 am at the Memorial Hall.

Commissioner Quinn wanted to let everyone know that the Atchison Senior Village is scheduling in-person visits. Anyone interested must call their phone number at 913-367-1905 Monday through Friday (9 am to 5 pm) to get that scheduled.

Chairman Bower mentioned that he has been having conversations regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. There is someone lined out that is going to present the program to the schools and the City of Atchison. He asked Commissioner Noll to present it to the third-class cities.

***Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the March 23, 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.

***New Business Before the Board:**

Trevor Tutt and Nick Hutchinson, Mo-Kan Regional Council, appeared before the Board via the Zoom platform. Mr. Hutchinson mentioned a BUILD Grant Mo-Kan was working on for Buchanan County on a 1.6 mile stretch of Highway 59 that extended over to Atchison. That application was unsuccessful; however, due to recent changes with the Missouri Legislature, Mo-Kan has started working on an application to get funding for the hydrology engineering components on that same stretch of highway. Mo-Kan Regional Council is hoping to get some local funding from Atchison and Buchanan County MO. The total hydrology engineer report is estimated at \$800,000.00. The Board discussed other ways to show support. Commissioner Quinn made a motion for the County Clerk to prepare a letter of support for all the Board to sign. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

***County Counselor Updates:**

There were no County Counselor updates.

***Old or Unfinished Business:**

Commissioner Quinn asked about unanswered questions from the morning work session with the Joint Communications Board. Chairman Bower feels Commissioner Quinn along with the Joint Communication Board should meet and go through the resolution adding suggestions. They should then bring the proposal to the Commission Board.

***Public Comment:**

Spencer Taylor asked the Board to give consideration to removing the mask mandate in Atchison County.

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

Commissioner Quinn made the motion to adjourn at 1:54 pm. Commissioner Noll 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