

Tuesday, April 6, 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. Deputy County Election Officer Kalee Vanderweide recorded the minutes.

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

Chairman Bower made a motion to allow these changes to the agenda for today: mask mandate right after commissioner comments, NEK Health is cancelled due to illness, and under Joe Snyder, adding a bridge change order. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

***Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the March 30, 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 wanted to thank everyone for getting back to her on the mask issue.

Commissioner Noll stated that he had an Area Agency on Aging meeting on April 1, 2021. This meeting was held on the Zoom platform.

Commissioner Quinn wanted to thank Atchison Community Health Clinic, Wes Lanter, and Jamie Madison for getting the onsite vaccination clinic set up for the County today, April 6, 2021.

***New Business Before the Board:**

Dr. Andrew Gaddis, USD #377 Superintendent, will recommend to his school board to keep masks in place for the school year. Dr. Gaddis wants the Board of County Commissioners to consider keeping school entities on the same page.

Dr. Renee Scott, USD #409 Superintendent, stated that USD #409 planned on wearing masks all school year, due to their navigating change document. Dr. Scott doesn't want to risk another outbreak in the school setting to jeopardize graduation for the senior class. Dr. Scott would like to hold onto the mask mandate until the end of the school year.

Mike Kuckelman stated that the Board of County Commissioners cannot tell a school what they can and cannot do. The school districts can choose to have a mask mandate or not.

Commissioner Quinn is not in favor of doing a countywide mask mandate, but will support the schools in whatever they choose to do with a mask mandate.

Commissioner Noll is in favor of supporting the schools in whatever they choose to do with a mask mandate.

Commissioner Quinn made the motion to take no further action on a mask mandate for Atchison County. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Joe Snyder, Road & Bridge Superintendent, appeared with a change order to Norfolk Contracting, Inc., for an estimated \$36,500.00. Superintendent Snyder would recommend accepting the change order. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve the change order to Norfolk Contracting, Inc., for an estimated \$36,500.00, with a 10% leeway, on Bridge #270. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Snyder presented a purchase order to K.C. Bobcat, for a 24" Planer, High Flow and Drum 24 Smoothcut, in the amount of \$17,047.56. This is the price per the Kansas State Contract. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the purchase order to K.C. Bobcat, in the amount of \$17,047.56. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Bower presented a purchase order to Midwest Mobile Radio, in the amount of \$16,440.00, for the Maintenance Contract on all Atchison County Radios, a total of 274. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve the purchase order to Midwest Mobile Radio, in the amount of \$16,440.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

***County Counselor Updates:**

Patrick Henderson, County Counselor, stated that things are moving on the tax sale. If you need more information, go to www.atchisoncountyks.org.

***Executive Session**

Commissioner Noll moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 1:25 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 1:45 pm, in the commission room, 1st floor, courthouse. Those present will be: the three

Commissioners, County Counselor Patrick Henderson, and Jamie Madison, HR Director. Commissioner Quinn second 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:**

Michael Kuckelman appeared to talk about being open and transparent about County Government. Mr. Kuckelman thinks the County Commission should do away with the workshop meeting and just have one meeting every week. Mr. Kuckelman stated that if there are two commissioners together at any one time, it is a violation of KOMA (Kansas Open Meetings Act).

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

Commissioner Noll made the motion to adjourn at 1:50 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: Kalee Vanderweide, Deputy County Election Officer